

Exhibit 208

Plaintiffs' Corrected Averment of Jurisdictional Facts and
Evidence and/or Statement of Facts as to Defendant Al Rajhi Bank
Pursuant to Rule 56.1

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001	03 MDL 1570 (GBD) (SN) ECF Case
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Hodges, et al. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, et al., No. 17-cv-00117
Aiken, et al. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, et al., No. 17-cv-00450
Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co., et al. v. Al Rajhi Bank, et al., No. 17-cv-02651
Abarca, et al. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, et al., No. 17-cv-03887
Arrowood Indemnity Co., et al. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, et al., No. 17-cv-03908
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Abbate, et al. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, et al., No. 17-cv-08617

Expert Report of Evan F. Kohlmann**I. Qualifications**

My full name is Evan Francois Kohlmann. I am a private International Terrorism Consultant who specializes in tracking Al-Qaida and other contemporary terrorist movements. I hold a degree in International Politics from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (Georgetown University), and a Juris Doctor (professional law degree) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. I am also the recipient of a certificate in Islamic studies from the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (CMCU) at Georgetown University. I currently work as the founder and CEO of Cloudburst Technologies, a New York-based technology enterprise which detects and alerts on digital currency fraud. Previously, I was the co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer at Flashpoint, a New York-based threat intelligence firm focused on harvesting data from the deep and dark web. I additionally previously served as an on-air terrorism analyst for NBC News in the United States from 2004 to 2021. I am author of the book *Al-Qaida's Jihad in Europe: the Afghan-Bosnian Network* (Berg/Oxford International Press, London, 2004), which has been used as a teaching text in graduate-level terrorism courses offered at such educational institutions as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Princeton University, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

As part of my research beginning in approximately 1997, I have traveled overseas to interview known terrorist recruiters and organizers (such as Abu Hamza al-Masri) and to attend underground conferences and rallies; I have reviewed thousands of open source documents; and, I have amassed one of the largest digital collections of terrorist multimedia and propaganda in the world. The open source documents in my collection include sworn legal affidavits, original court exhibits, video and audio

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recordings, text communiqués, eyewitness testimonies, and archived Internet websites. I have also personally developed computer software and SQL database applications in Python, Javascript, and PHP language designed to draw out this data and provide statistical trends and models to human analysts.

I have testified on twelve occasions as an expert witness in jurisdictions beyond the United States—including the United Kingdom, Denmark, Australia, Switzerland, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. I have testified four times as an approved expert witness in U.S. civil cases—Gates v. Syrian Arab Republic and Amduso v. Sudan, before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, as well as Linde et al. v. Arab Bank PLC, before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and Khan v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

I have additionally testified as an approved expert witness on behalf of the prosecution in United States federal and military courts in thirty-five criminal cases, including:

United States v. Sabri Benkhala (Eastern District of Virginia, 2004)

United States v. Ali Timimi (Eastern District of Virginia, 2005)

United States v. Uzair Paracha (Southern District of New York, 2005)

United States v. Ali Asad Chandia (Eastern District of Virginia, 2006)

United States v. Yassin Aref (Northern District of New York, 2006)

United States v. Sabri Benkhala (Eastern District of Virginia, 2007)

United States v. Rafiq Sabir (Southern District of New York, 2007)

United States v. Emaddedine Muntasser (District of Massachusetts, 2007)

United States v. Hassan Abu Jihaad (District of Connecticut, 2008)

United States v. Mohammed Amawi et al. (Northern District of Ohio, 2008)

United States v. Salim Hamdan (Guantanamo Bay Military Commissions, 2008)

United States v. Ali Hamza al-Bahlul (Guantanamo Bay Military Commissions, 2008)

United States v. Mohamed Shnewer et al. (District of New Jersey, 2008)

United States v. Oussama Kassir (Southern District of New York, 2009)

United States v. Syed Haris Ahmed (Northern District of Georgia, 2009)

United States v. Ehsanul Sadequee (Northern District of Georgia, 2009)

United States v. Pete Seda et al. (District of Oregon, 2010)

United States v. Betim Kaziu (Eastern District of New York, 2011)

United States v. Daniel Boyd et al. (Eastern District of North Carolina, 2011)

United States v. Barry Walter Bujol Jr. (Southern District of Texas, 2011)

United States v. Tarek Mehanna et al. (District of Massachusetts, 2011)

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United States v. Patrick Nayyar (Southern District of New York, 2012)

United States v. Adis Medunjanin (Eastern District of New York, 2012)

United States v. Anes Subasic (Eastern District of North Carolina, 2012)

United States v. Mohammed Nisar Khan (Western District of Texas, 2012)

United States v. Mohamed Mohamud (District of Oregon, 2013)

United States v. Abdel Hameed Shehadeh (Eastern District of New York, 2013)

United States v. Sulaiman Abu Ghaith (Southern District of New York, 2014)

United States v. Mustafa Kamel (Southern District of New York, 2014)

United States v. Sami Osmakac (Middle District of Florida, 2014)

United States v. Soheil Kabir et al. (Central District of California, 2014)

United States v. Abid Naseer (Eastern District of New York, 2015)

United States v. Fazliddin Kurbanov (District of Idaho, 2015)

United States v. Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem (District of Arizona, 2016)

United States v. Ibrahim Suleiman Adnan Adam Harun (Eastern District of New York, 2017)

Additionally, I recently testified as an expert witness on behalf of the District Attorney's Office of New York County in the criminal trial of State of New York v. Trevor William Forrest (2022).

In United States v. Uzair Paracha, Federal District Judge Sidney Stein held a Daubert hearing on my qualifications as an expert witness and issued a ruling concluding: "Evan Kohlmann has sufficient education, training, and knowledge to be qualified as an expert, and... Kohlmann's methodology—that is, his process of gathering sources, including a variety of original and secondary sources, cross-checking sources against each other, and subjecting his opinions and conclusions to peer review—is sufficiently reliable to meet the standards for admissibility of expert testimony set by the Federal Rules of Evidence."

In United States v. Hassan Abu Jihaad, Federal District Judge Mark Kravitz held a Daubert hearing on my qualifications as an expert witness and issued a ruling concluding, "Mr. Kohlmann is certainly qualified to provide expert testimony.... Mr. Kohlmann is qualified by means of his education, training, background, and experience to testify as an expert on terrorism.... Mr. Kohlmann has conducted first-hand interviews of several leaders of terrorist organizations and has reviewed reams of information about al Qaeda... and the other subjects on which he will offer testimony. Indeed... it is apparent that these subjects are Mr. Kohlmann's life work, and he has, therefore, acquired a considerable amount of information and documentation on these subjects.... Mr. Kohlmann's work receives a considerable amount of peer review from academic scholars and others, and by all accounts, Mr. Kohlmann's work is well regarded."

During United States v. Syed Haris Ahmed, Federal District Judge William S. Duffey, Jr., held a Daubert hearing on my qualifications as an expert witness, and noted in his published ruling, "Kohlmann has developed an understanding of terrorist organization structures, operations, and membership,

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allowing him to speak with authority about Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Jaish-e-Mohammed. His research and experience have provided him a base of understanding far greater, and far more sophisticated, than of the Court or of jurors.... A person lacking Kohlmann's advanced knowledge of JeM and LeT essentially would not be able to recognize the information on Khan's hard drive as information that might link a person to JeM or LeT."

On February 4, 2011, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, issued a formal ruling regarding the admissibility of my testimony during United States v. Rafiq Sabir (2007), stating: "Kohlmann has, in fact, been qualified as an expert on al Qaeda and terrorism in a number of federal prosecutions.... Kohlmann's proposed expert testimony had a considerable factual basis.... We conclude that the district court acted well within its discretion in concluding that Kohlmann's testimony satisfied the enumerated requirements of Rule 702. . . . Such testimony was plainly relevant to mens rea."

I have included a copy of my CV with this report labeled as Appendix 1.

II. Scope of the Assignment

Based on my knowledge, experience, review of thousands of open-source documents and documents produced in discovery, and using the methodology and principles described below, I have been asked to provide expert testimony concerning:

- The degree to which the Al-Rajhi family of Saudi Arabia has provided financial support to international terrorist activity, specifically including Al-Qaida;
- The degree to which Al-Rajhi Banking and Investments has provided financial services to international terrorist financing schemes, specifically including Al-Qaida; and,
- The degree to which the Al-Rajhi family has provided other forms of support for international terrorism and violent extremism.

I am being compensated at a rate of \$400 per hour for my work and testimony in this matter. I have attached a list of reliance materials from this report as Appendix 2.

III. Research and Archival Methodology

The social science methodology I have employed to formulate my expert opinion is known as comparative analysis, which "holds a central place in social science research."¹ Terrorism is generally a rare phenomenon comprised of a small number of incidents and a fringe group of secretive actors. In the absence of a large pool of reliable data points or controls, strict statistical or quantitative social science methods can often be of uncertain reliability and can even produce misleading results. In contrast, my research methodology is "case-oriented," with the aim to juxtapose "rich descriptions of a few instances of a certain phenomenon" and to distill a common, accepted narrative.² However, this approach is not "just a second-best one imposed by the availability of data; rather, it is justified by its capacity to go

¹ Della Porta, Donatella and Michael Keating. *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge University Press (2008), at p. 198.

² Della Porta, Donatella and Michael Keating. *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge University Press(2008), at p. 198.

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beyond descriptive statistical measures, towards an in-depth understanding of historical processes and individual motivations.”³

In order to create the most accurate historical narrative, information is weighted according to the credibility of its source: primary, secondary, or tertiary. In the study of terrorism, an example of a primary source would be directly witnessing a terrorist attack or interviewing a representative of a terrorist organization. Quite obviously, such sources would be few and far between, so researchers such as myself often are also compelled to rely heavily on secondary sources.

An example of a secondary source in my field would be a video-recorded speech by a terrorist leader obtained through official sources, internal organizational records, original magazines published by the official media wing of a terrorist organization, or the official website of such a group. While not quite the same as witnessing an event live, secondary sources provide a rich, highly compelling level of detail directly from the voices of actors who are centrally involved in the events we actively study. In the field of terrorism, secondary sources can also be relatively challenging to obtain, in that they can require specialized knowledge of the communications mechanisms employed by extremists; however, they are generally far more available for access and study by savvy researchers.

Tertiary sources would include newspaper and magazine articles written by outside observers, topical papers published by academics, and other relevant commentary from experts in the field. While such materials can be undoubtedly helpful to establish general context or to identify issues of scholarly debate, researchers generally avoid relying wholesale on the content of tertiary sources, absent some supporting primary or secondary source information.

Upon classifying research material according to its credibility, analysts must still also assess information contained therein for potential issues of bias. Obviously, no matter how authentic a speech by a terrorist leader may be, this is still not an absolute guarantee that the facts or perspectives provided in the speech are a completely accurate depiction of reality.

The methodology of comparative analysis as described above is employed by countless other researchers in the field of terrorism—as well as a wide variety of other subjects. As stated by Judge Brian Cogan of the Eastern District of New York, formulating conclusions based on “reviewing primary, secondary, and tertiary sources, and then exercising judgment about which are corroborated or otherwise believed to be credible, and which should not be accepted... seems to me no different than, for example, the exercise a historian would undertake to determine the precise location of the Battle of Hastings, or the troop size or unit strength of the combatants.” In other words, according to Judge Cogan, our essential “methodology strikes me as little, if at all, different than most qualitative political science research.”⁴

During a May 2009 Daubert hearing before Judge William S. Duffey Jr. in the Northern District of Georgia, I explained the process of “comparative analysis” and how I rely upon it when making determinations of fact. This testimony was subsequently summarized by Judge Duffey in his own published ruling qualifying me as an expert:

³ Della Porta, Donatella and Michael Keating. *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge University Press(2008), at p. 202.

⁴ Order by Judge Brian M. Cogan resulting from Daubert hearing for Evan Kohlmann. *United States v. Adnan Ibrahim Harun A Hausa*. U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY). February 10, 2017.

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The basis for Kohlmann's testimony, generally, is his years of research and tracking of terrorist information, through websites, primary interviews, books, news articles, and journals, and other information. His testimony essentially synthesizes these concepts, and through the use of the comparative analysis methodology, Kohlmann has developed an understanding of terrorist organization structures, operations, and membership... Kohlmann testified in detail regarding the methodology of comparative analysis, how it is relied upon by experts in social sciences, and how the particular information he gathers allows him to perform reliable analysis. He specifically testified to how he gathers and analyses information from primary, secondary, and tertiary sources, and he explained the difference between the sources and why and how he relies on each differently. He further explained how comparative analysis is performed, assimilating the relevant information and comparing and contrasting sources against one another to form a cohesive whole. The sources Kohlmann uses and the methodology he employs to analyze those sources, are identical to those used by other experts in his field. Kohlmann explained his methodology and how he used the methodology to arrive at his opinions in this case. The defendants did not offer any evidence at the hearing or subsequent to it to suggest that Kohlmann's methodology is not sound or is not the same methodology typically relied upon by other social scientists... Mr. Kohlmann's ability to synthesize that information through comparative analysis establishes his qualification as an expert.

IV. Summary of Professional Opinions and Conclusions

Based on the methodology and principles described above, and available evidence, my professional opinions, to a reasonable degree of certainty, are as follows:

- In the period before the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Al-Rajhi family, and Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi in particular, transferred substantial financial donations to fraudulent charities and other conduits that provided key financial and logistical support to Al-Qaida.
- Additionally, Al-Rajhi Bank provided bank accounts and financial services to among the most important fraudulent charities and other conduits that provided key financial and logistical support to Al-Qaida, as well as key players in the 9/11 terror attacks.
- Furthermore, there is evidence that the Al-Rajhi family and/or Al-Rajhi family charities established by Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi encouraged and/or fostered the spread of Al-Qaida's ideology, aiding in the recruitment and indoctrination of key Al-Qaida and jihadist leaders around the world.

V. Discussion of Professional Opinions and Conclusions

Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi is the founder and longtime chairman of Al-Rajhi Bank, formerly Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation, one of the largest banks in Saudi Arabia and headquartered in the city of Riyadh. In addition to their major financial enterprise, Al-Rajhi and his brothers also founded a "committee" to facilitate their donations to Islamic causes.⁵ Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi thereafter established his own Islamic charity office known as the SAAR Foundation (SAAR being an acronym for Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi) that included a branch in the United States. According to CIA documents

⁵ Al Rajhi Exhibit, ARB 50, Deposition of Abdullah bin Sulaiman al Rajhi.

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obtained by Plaintiff's counsel, Sulaiman "devoutly practices Wahhabism, wearing a full-length beard and traditional Wahhabi garments" and "has been widely reported to support Islamic extremist policy."⁶

Sulaiman al-Rajhi and the al-Rajhi family have surfaced numerous times in the investigation of Al-Qaida terrorist financing in the Persian Gulf. Al-Qaida is an international terrorist organization founded in approximately September 1988 by foreign fighters on the Afghan-Pakistani border and led (until 2011) by Saudi national Usama Bin Laden. Since its inception, as part of its self-declared religious "holy war" against the Western world, Al-Qaida has supported and organized terrorist attacks targeting the United States and its allies, culminating in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. At least as early as 1992, bin Laden began advocating "jihad" or Holy War against the United States, and Al-Qaida issued public fatwas calling for attacks against the United States in 1996 and 1998. Al-Qaida provided support for the 1993 attacks against U.S. soldiers in the battle of Mogadishu and for a 1995 Philippine-based plot to attack U.S. flag airliners mid-flight, and was responsible for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, the 2000 attack on the U.S.S. Cole, and, of course, the September 11 attacks. Since at least October 1999, Al-Qaida has been repeatedly designated and blacklisted by the United States government as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO), making it illegal for anyone to provide services or support to it.

Over the years that Al-Qaeda was carrying out its mission to attack the United States, Al-Rajhi Bank provided financial services to a variety of Al-Qaida members, associates, and financial fronts—including alleged recruiters and suicide hijackers involved in the September 11 attacks.⁷ The Al-Rajhi family name appeared on the "Golden Chain" document, which the United States has described as a secret list of the 20 most prominent donors to the Al-Qaida network in the Arabian Gulf region dating from the late 1980s.⁸ An undated CIA report obtained by Plaintiff's counsel in this litigation identified the Al-Rajhi family as "a key financial backer of the Afghan Mujahideen."⁹ According to a second CIA document obtained by Plaintiff's counsel, "Islamic extremists have used Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation since at least the mid-1990s as a conduit for terrorist transactions, probably because they find the bank's vast network and adherence to Islamic principles both convenient and ideologically sound."¹⁰ The same document noted that "Several al-Qaida-linked individuals and organizations have held bank accounts at Al-Rajhi."¹¹ Other CIA documents specifically note that "al-Qaida members have

⁶ CIA-SUB 0004; CIA 149-150.

⁷ CIA 317-338 at 338 ("[Redacted] 'Sheikh Rajhi,' [Redacted] deposited [Redacted] into a [Redacted] bank account controlled by Maktab al-Khidamat, an Islamic charity closely associated with Usama Bin Ladin since the early 1980s."); CIA 807-848 at 830 ("Members of the ultra-wealthy Al Rajhi family, which owns the Riyadh-based Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Company, probably are a source of financial support for Usama's al-Qa'ida organization. [Redacted] a 'shaykh Rajhi' – [Redacted] deposited [Redacted] into the [Redacted] bank accounts of the Maktab al-Khidamat.").

⁸ Simpson, Glenn R. "List of Early al Qaeda Donors Points to Saudi Elite, Charities." The Wall Street Journal. March 18, 2003.

⁹ CIA 720-804 at 743 ("[REDACTED] 1997, [Redacted]) a 'Sheikh Rajhi' deposited [Redacted] into [Redacted] bank accounts held by the director of Maktab-ul Khedamat (MK) and another NGO [Redacted]. In addition, an unspecified member of the Al Rajhi family is charged with overseeing financial support to the Afghan Mujahideen along with the IIRO Director in Kabul, [Redacted]. ARBIC apparently has been a conduit for funding the Mujahaddins since the early 1990s.").

¹⁰ CIA-SUB 0003.

¹¹ CIA-SUB 0003.

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held accounts at the Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment Company.”¹² Usama Bin Laden himself had at least 4 accounts at the institution, as well as at least 7 9/11 hijackers--Abdelaziz al-Omari, Ahmed al-Ghamdi, Saleh al-Ghamdi, Majed Moqed, Saeed al-Ghamdi, Wael al-Shehri, and Hani Hanjour.¹³ A 2002 CIA document obtained by Plaintiff’s counsel noted that “Al-Rajhi Bank has been a conduit for funds for Islamic extremists and for the 11 September hijackers.”¹⁴

Among the contemporary Saudi clerics who have most aggressively promoted violent jihad, one name stands out in particular – Sulayman bin Nasir bin Abdullah al-Alwaan (a.k.a. “Abu Abdullah”). Banking records produced by ARB indicate that al-Alwaan opened six accounts at an Al-Rajhi Bank branch in Buraydah, Saudi Arabia in the fall of 2000 -- three accounts on September 12, 2000 and another three accounts on October 9, 2000—which were subsequently investigated by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (“SAMA”) following the September 11 attacks.¹⁵ According to the 9/11 Commission report, al-Alwaan’s mosque located in Saudi’s Qassim Province was “known among more moderate clerics as a ‘terrorist factory’” --and that al-Alwaan himself had served as teacher and mentor to 9/11 suicide hijacker Abdelaziz al-Omari.¹⁶ In addition to having “a role in recruiting one or more of the muscle hijackers”, al-Alwaan was also reputed to be the “spiritual advisor” of Abu Zubaydah, a senior Palestinian jihadi organizer who was once in charge of the Khalden training camp in Afghanistan.¹⁷

Among the topics addressed by Sulayman al-Alwaan in his writings was the “permissibility of martyrdom operations.” According to al-Alwaan:

“[I]t is obligatory from among all the people of ability to fight them and spill their blood and make ongoing Jihād against them until the full liberation of Palestine and all the countries of the Muslims. And it is not allowed in the Shari’ah to surrender any of the lands of the Muslims to the Jews or to make peace with them because they are a people of deception and deceit and of breaking of treaties. And I see that in this time, in which the Muslims are unable to (fully) fight the Jews and destroy them and expel them from the Holy Land, that the best treatment and the greatest medicine that we apply to the brothers of the monkeys and the pigs (i.e. the Jews) is that we perform the suicide operations and put forward our souls as a ransom for motivation of Īmān and for praiseworthy goals from planting the fear in the hearts those who disbelieve and inflicting harm upon their bodies and losses in their wealth.”¹⁸

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, al-Alwaan left no ambiguity as to how he viewed Al-Qaida and the Taliban. In a sermon to his followers, he appealed, “The banners of jihad in Afghanistan, Palestine, Philippines, Chechnya and other places have risen... anyone ready for Jihad? Any call to fight the infidels? One of the biggest disappointments is to see the Muslims

¹² CIA 809.

¹³ CIA 149-150. See also: CIA 809, CIA-SUB 0003, ARB 1-15, ARB 811-814, ARB 815-835, ARB 836-840, ARB 850-857, ARB 960-973.

¹⁴ CIA 149-150.

¹⁵ ARB 39724-39727.

¹⁶ 9/11 report. Page 233.

¹⁷ 9/11 report. Page 521.

¹⁸ https://ia601603.us.archive.org/15/items/PermissabilityOfMartyrdomOperations/Martyrdom_Operations.pdf.

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fighting the Russians and the Americans and you are not taking part or giving money although you can fight and you are needed."¹⁹ According to al-Alwaan in a 2002 speech:

"The countries of infidelity, America and its allies have conspired to fight Islam and Muslims, kill their leaders, spread corruption among them and impose embargo on some of their countries. The American president, Bush, has said in a press conference that this is a crusade. This crusader coalition calls for a major confrontation, huge efforts and a general mobilization. No one is excused from standing up to it. Everyone should do what he can and according to his ability. Someone would fight where he is needed, another will do it with his money or his words... O Allah, destroy the forces that the Jewish Usurping and the Christian aggressors have in the sky. Destroy the forces that they have on the ground, and sink the forces that they have in the sea."²⁰

Elsewhere, al-Alwaan called on his supporters to "make ready against them with all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery, etc.) to threaten the enemy of Allah and your enemy."²¹ In 2003, al-Alwaan spoke at the Al-Rajhi Mosque and condemned the United States and its allies, calling them "invaders and crusaders."²² In April 2004, following a series of Al-Qaida terrorist attacks in the Kingdom, Saudi authorities arrested and imprisoned al-Alwaan. He was later handed a 15 year prison sentence for working with Al-Qaida members, sanctioning suicide attacks, and collecting financial aid on behalf of Al-Qaida.²³

Other individuals located in the United States that had suspicious contact with the 9/11 hijackers in the months leading up to the attacks were also in contact with the Al-Rajhi family charity. According to FBI documents, Saudi national Omar al-Bayoumi provided "substantial assistance" to hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdar during their time living undercover in San Diego, California.²⁴ Telephone records received from AT&T appear to show multiple phone calls in January 2001 from Omar al-Bayoumi's office at a Kurdish mosque in San Diego to two officials from the Suleiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi Charitable Foundation in Saudi Arabia, Abdulrahman al-Rajhi and Abdullah al-Misfer.²⁵ Additionally, records from Al-Rajhi Bank show at least three transfers in July and August of 2001 from Al-Rajhi Bank accounts held by Sheikh Mohamed Abdel Aziz al-Habib to al-Bayoumi's Bank of America account in California.²⁶

Omar al-Bayoumi was not the only Saudi national with ties to the Saudi government who had significant contacts to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdar when the two men were in southern California. The imam of the King Fahad Mosque in Los Angeles, Shaykh Fahad al-Thumairy (also

¹⁹ <https://int.nyt.com/data/int-shared/nytdocs/docs/233/233.pdf>.

²⁰ <https://int.nyt.com/data/int-shared/nytdocs/docs/233/233.pdf>.

²¹ <https://archive.org/details/VerilyTheVictoryOfAllahIsNear.pdf>.

²² <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2003-apr-05-war-saudi5-story.html>.

²³ <https://www.arabnews.com/news/48426.1>

²⁴ 2012 FBI Summary Report. Pages 3-4.

²⁵ AT&T telephone records identify two calls from Bayoumi's office telephone at the Kurdish Mosque in San Diego, CA on January 20, 2001 to Saudi Arabia at 3:33am and 3:35am (PST). The first call is to 96614920033, an office number associated with Abdulrahman al Rajhi. NL 18775. The second call is to 96655487313 (for over 12 minutes), a mobile phone associated with Abdullah al Misfer. Id. Al Rajhi and Misfer share the same office number (4915122) and fax number (4910242). Id.

²⁶ ARB 39930, 39331, 39329. See also: ARB 13754-13755.

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a graduate of Imam Mohammed Bin Saud University), likewise is reported to have played a role in providing assistance to the two men.²⁷ While supporters of al-Thumairy have defended him as a quiet and peaceful man, various FBI sources reported that al-Thumairy was actually a “hard core extremist” and that his sermons had “a militant, anti-West tone to them. Al-Thumairy is also reported to be anti-United States and Israel.”²⁸ A human source informed the FBI that “Althumairy knew who ‘the guys’ were and was sympathetic to Al-Qaeda’s cause.”²⁹ An FBI analysis of this evidence related that “Los Angeles is of the strong opinion that Fahad Al-Thumairy may have known about the hijackers while in the United States and may have assisted them.”³⁰ Fahad al Thumairy³¹ also had telephone contact with Suleiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi Charitable Foundation officials Abdul Rahman al-Rajhi and Abdullah al Misfer in the weeks after Hazmi and Mihdhar arrived in the United States and relocated to San Diego with the assistance of Bayoumi.³² In the first half of 1999, Sulaiman al-Rajhi sent a total of more than 110,000 riyals to al-Thumairy’s supervisor in the United States, Khalid al-Suwailem, the head of the Saudi embassy’s Dawah Office (affiliated with the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs).³³ This was evidently among a variety of other payments received by al-Suwailem from Sulaiman al-Rajhi and Al-Rajhi Bank.³⁴

Saleh al Hussayen, who served as a member of Al-Rajhi Bank’s Sharia Board from 1988 to 1999,³⁵ and further served as an officer of Sulaiman al-Rajhi’s SAAR Foundation, Inc. in the United States,³⁶ was in the United States in the weeks prior to the 9/11 attacks to meet with representatives from the Muslim World League, World Assembly of Muslim Youth, and the Islamic Association of North America (“IANA”).³⁷ On the night of September 10, 2001, Hussayen stayed at the Marriott Residence Inn in Virginia, the same hotel where 9/11 hijackers Hazmi, Mihdhar, and Hani Hanjour were staying before they woke up on the morning of September 11 and hijacked American Airlines Flight 77.³⁸ Lastly, Towayan al Towayan, who served in Al-Rajhi Bank’s Sharia Supervision Division, was sent to the United States in 2000 purportedly “to study English at the behest of Al-Rajhi which is paying for all of his related costs.”³⁹ According to the

²⁷ FBI 11757. See also: Deposition of Fahad al-Thumairy, June 28-29, 2021, at 24-25.

²⁸ EO14040-003457.

²⁹ EO14040-003613.

³⁰ EO14040-003459 – EO14040-003460.

³¹ EO14040 2797-2815 at 2802 (“Al-Thumairy, like Al-Bayoumi, was a possible Saudi Arabian intelligence asset.”); EO14040 3465-3472 at 3469 (“Al-Thumairy was part of the Al-Qaida linked extremist Suroori network in Saudi Arabia.”).

³² FBI 573-580 at 576. Pacific Bell telephone records for Thumairy’s home telephone identify a March 1, 2000 call at 12:48am to the fax number associated with Abdul Rahman al Rajhi and Abdullah Misfer (4910242), which lasted 3 minutes. NL 18775.

³³ NL 15044, 15045. See also NL 15572 (transfer to “The Propagation Office in America (Khalid Ibrahim Swelim);” NL 10468 (payment of \$25,000.00 to the “Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia IFTA #5”).

³⁴ NL 10485 (\$5,000.00 check, dated July 7, 1999, payable to “Khaled Bin Ibrahim A-Swailem,” from Abdul Rahman Al Rajhi”); KSA 1685 (\$726.67 check, dated December 11, 1998, payable to “Khaled I. Al-Sowailem”); KSA 1687 (\$398.14 check, dated December 14, 1998, payable to “Khaled I. Al-Sowailem”).

³⁵ Deposition of Abdullah al-Rajhi, Transcript at pp. 268-271.

³⁶ SAAR Foundation, Inc. Annual Reports (1991-1994). See also IIRO 315040 (Hussayen was a member of an IIRO delegation to Tanzania in 1995 with another officer of the SAAR Foundation, Inc. (Dr. Ahmad Totonji) and three officers of the Sulaiman Abdel Aziz Al-Rajhi Charitable Foundation (Abdul Rahman al-Rajhi, Saleh al Habdan, and Abdullah al Misfer).

³⁷ Susan Schmidt, Spreading Saudi Fundamentalism in the U.S., Washington Post (October 2, 2003).

³⁸ David Rennie, Hijackers in Same Hotel as Saudi Minister, The Telegraph (October 2, 2003).

³⁹ EO14040-002857-2863-MDL.

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FBI, Towayan “had significant direct and indirect contacts with several subjects and active participants in the World Trade Center (WTC) attacks,” including Omar al Bayoumi and hijacker Hani Hanjour.⁴⁰

Al-Rajhi Bank has likewise provided critical financial services to numerous Islamic charitable organizations engaged in money laundering and supporting jihadi causes, including terrorist fundraising. Sulaiman Abdel Aziz Al-Rajhi also helped to personally sponsor and finance several Islamic charities in northern Virginia near Washington D.C. that were raided by U.S. counterterrorism investigators in March 2002.⁴¹

The Al-Haramain Charitable Foundation was a Saudi non-profit evangelical charity that engages in relief works around the world. It had more than 40 international branches working in over fifty countries, and in 1999 spent more than \$61 million on various projects worldwide.⁴² Al-Haramain also maintained a presence and local offices in the continental United States; primarily, in the states of Missouri and Oregon.

There are a variety of connections linking Al-Haramain with the Al-Rajhi family and Al-Rajhi Bank. A member of the Al-Rajhi clan, Shaykh Abdussalam Al-Rajhi, sits on the administrative board of Al-Haramain⁴³; moreover, discovery in this case has revealed that Al-Rajhi Bank maintained 95 bank accounts for Al Haramain in the 1998-2002 timeframe, through which it was moving massive amounts of money -- 2,146,119,285.78 riyals in total deposits, and 2,035,094,758.98 riyals in total withdrawals.⁴⁴ The Al-Haramain website listed 13 individual accounts at the Al-Rajhi Bank Olaya Branch in Riyadh, including those for “general” use, “Asian Committee”, “Single Body [Project in Indonesia]”, “Africa Committee”, “Europe Committee”, “Dawah and Sponsorships Committee”, “Zakaat Committee”, “Continuous Charity”, “Masjids Committee”, “Seasonal Projects Committee”, “Profitable Business”, “Internet Committee”, and for the “Tawheed Endowment.”⁴⁵ According to an Arabic-language section of Al-Haramain website, the “Asia Committee” was specifically in charge of the charity’s controversial operations in “Palestine and Chechnya.”⁴⁶ A pamphlet for Al-Haramain’s “Kosovo Relief Fund” seeking contributions instructed donors in “the Middle East and all other countries” to “make your donations to” the Al-Haramain account at “AlRajhi Banking & Investment Corporation” in Riyadh.⁴⁷ Among those who held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank included the director, deputy director, and executive director of Al-Haramain’s Jeddah office, as well as the organization’s Taif branch office director.⁴⁸

⁴⁰ EO14040-002857-2863-MDL.

⁴¹ Simpson, Glenn R. “To an al Qaeda Front.” The Wall Street Journal. September 20, 2002.

⁴² “Saudi Arabia’s top Islamic charity denies any of its assets frozen.” Agence France Presse. March 13, 2002

⁴³ <http://www.alharamain.org/alharamain/eng/inner.asp?order=1&num=1>.

⁴⁴ Exhibit 31 (ARB 31), September 27, 2023 Deposition of Abdullah bin Sulaiman al-Rajhi, Plaintiffs’ Summary Spreadsheet of Al Haramain Islamic Foundation Accounts at Al Rajhi Bank. See also: See also Transcript at p. 80, Deposition of 30(b)(6) Al-Rajhi Bank Designee James Galloway (May 11, 2023). See also:

<http://kosova.hypermart.net/harameen.html>. See also:

<http://www.alharamain.org/english/charity/accounts/accounts.htm>.

⁴⁵ <https://alharamain.org/english/charity/accounts/accounts.htm>.

⁴⁶ <https://www.alharamain.org/arb/index2.asp&order=7&num=475>. February 2003.

⁴⁷ <http://web.archive.org/web/20020802212108/http://kosova.hypermart.net/harameen.html>.

⁴⁸ ARB 38878, 38885, 38978, 38979, 38994, 38995, 38996, 39001, 39007.

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Discovery in the litigation has produced accounts statements and other materials for the Sulaiman Abdel Aziz Al-Rajhi Charitable Foundation's account at ARB, which identify at least twenty-five payments to Al-Haramain, and one payment to Aqil al Aqil,⁴⁹ the former head of Al-Haramain and an E.O. 13224 Specially Designated Global Terrorist ("SDGT").⁵⁰ The check payments to Al-Haramain and Aqil were signed by Sheikh Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi.⁵¹ Additional payments from Sulaiman al-Rajhi and his Foundation to Al-Haramain and Al-Haramain's overseas office in Indonesia⁵² are identified on a list of Sulaiman al-Rajhi and the Foundation's 1999 contributions.⁵³ The Foundation account records also identify seven check payments from Sulaiman al-Rajhi to Abdullah al Misfer, again signed by Sulaiman al-Rajhi himself.⁵⁴ Misfer served as an official of the Foundation, while also holding the position of Director of Al-Haramain's Palestine Division.⁵⁵

Since the mid-1990s, Al-Haramain has come under official investigation by a variety of international governments and law enforcement agencies. In January 1995, the Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights (CDLR), a Saudi dissident group aligned with Usama Bin Laden, reported that Saudi authorities were scrutinizing the activities of Al-Haramain.⁵⁶ When Italian counterterrorism police raided a suspected Al-Gama`at al-Islamiyya terrorist guesthouse and headquarters in Milan in 1995, they discovered a confidential letter sent to wanted Egyptian terrorist Shaykh Anwar Shaaban from Albania detailing efforts to distribute Al-Gama`at's official magazine, Al-Murabitoun, amongst the personnel working at the Al-Haramain charitable organization in the Balkans.⁵⁷

Even the Bosnian Muslim Army's own military intelligence service began issuing warnings about the local charitable activities of the Al-Haramain Foundation. In May 1995, the service sent a lengthy analytical report to senior Bosnian Army commanders regarding the foreign mujahideen, warning about the "so-called humanitarians, that are in charge of propaganda of the ideas, that these persons are

⁴⁹ NL 10245 (Sulaiman al-Rajhi check to Aqil al Aqil for 187,500 riyals and suggesting that Al Haramain "open an office in the Republic of Macedonia.").

⁵⁰ ARB 38079-38107, ARB 39948-39959, ARB 39960, ARB 39961, ARB 42179-42180, ARB 42181-42182, ARB 42183-42184; see also U.S. Department of the Treasury's June 2, 2004 designation of Aqeel Abdulaziz al Aqil (stating that numerous Al Haramain field offices and representatives operating throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America under Aqil's leadership were providing material and financial support to the al Qaeda network).

⁵¹ NL 10086, 10088, 10094, 10245. In March 2003, even after several of the Al Haramain branches had been designated by the U.S. government and United Nations, Sulaiman al Rajhi defended his donations to Al Haramain. See CIA-SUB 0001-0006 at 005 ("[Redacted] March 2003, Sulayman al-Rajhi defended his donations to the al-Haramain Islamic Foundation, which has come under scrutiny for its support to extremists.").

⁵² Al Haramain's office in Indonesia was specifically designated by the U.S. government on January 22, 2004. According to the U.S. Treasury press release, the Indonesia office "provided financial support to al-Qaida operatives in Indonesia and to Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)" and "was one of the primary sources of funding for al-Qaida activities in the region."

⁵³ NL 15578, 15043-15046 at 15045 (64,998 riyal contribution by telex, dated July 31, 1999, to "Al Haramain Foundation, Indonesia"); NL 15046 (600,000 riyal contribution to "Al Haramain Foundation").

⁵⁴ NL 10327, 10348, 10349, 10350, 10145, 10423, 10194.

⁵⁵ NL 9623, 9625; Al Jazirah, The Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation Launches a Donation Campaign for the Palestinians, April 8, 2002.; Al Minbar, Achievements of the Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation in Palestine.

⁵⁶ The Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights (CDLR). "Your Right to Know." CDLR Monitor. No. 30; January 13, 1995.

⁵⁷ DIGOS (Italy) Anti-Terrorism Report. "Searches at the Islamic Cultural Center, Viale Jenner 50, Milano, 6/26/1995." Dated September 15, 1997.

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approaching with, with mainly religious teaching – called ‘DAWA’ (spreading of the religion in the manner of ‘vehabijski mesheb’)... They mainly act through the work of humanitarian organizations ‘Islamic Balkan’s Center’, ‘Organization for the Regeneration of Islamic Thought, Kuwait’ and ‘Al-Haramain.’”⁵⁸ A separate analytical chart issued by the Bosnian-Muslim military intelligence service in November 1995 depicting the hierarchy of the Mujahideen Brigade identified “H.O. ‘AL HARAMAIN’” as one of the chief “Foreign Donors to ‘El Mudzahidin.’”⁵⁹

In 1996, a report from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on the activities of Islamic charities in the Balkans noted, “Al-Haramayn helps fund and support the mujahedin battalion in Zenica... The Zagreb office has been raided often by Croatian security for smuggling activities.”⁶⁰

On March 11, 2002, the U.S. Treasury moved to freeze the assets of the Al-Haramain branch in Bosnia-Herzegovina, charging that it was providing financing to foreign terrorist organizations. Investigators indicated that Al-Haramain’s Bosnia office had been linked to the terrorist group Al-Gama`at Al-Islamiyya, and that Saudi citizen Wael Jalaidan (a close friend and aide of Usama Bin Laden) was authorized to withdraw money from its local bank account.⁶¹ Jalaidan himself notably held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank.⁶²

Al Haramain was officially banned in Kenya shortly after the devastating U.S. Embassy bombings in August 1998 because the charity was believed to have had a role in the attack.⁶³ At the time, John Etemesi, chairman of the Kenyan Non-Governmental Coordinating Board, explained that Al-Haramain “had been found to be working against the interests of Kenyans in terms of security... Our investigations reveal that the operations of these organizations are inconsistent with the reasons for which they were registered.”⁶⁴ Wadih El-Hage, Usama Bin Laden’s personal secretary, was a principal convicted conspirator in the 1998 embassy bombings. El-Hage’s book of business cards exhibited at the federal trials in New York contains a card for “Mansour A. Al-Kadi” as the “Deputy General Director and Head of Africa-Committee of Al Haramain Islamic Foundation.”⁶⁵ “Mansuor [sic] Al-Kadi” is also listed as the Vice

⁵⁸ “Review of the Information on Activities of the Persons from Afro-Asian Countries Directly Before the War and During the War in the Territory of BiH Republic.” Report written by the BiH Administration of the Military Security Service– Department for Analytical and Informative Affairs.” Sarajevo; May 6, 1995.

⁵⁹ “Foreign Donors to ‘El Mudzahidin’” (“Donatori Jedinice ‘El Mudzahidin’”). “Shema Hijerarhijskih Odnosa OpO ‘Vazal.’” Memorandum issued by the Army of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina (ARBiH) Military Security Service. November 28, 1995.

⁶⁰ January 1996 CIA Report on “International Islamic NGOs” and links to terrorism. Page 1. See also: Affidavit by Senior Special Agent David Kane (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security). United States of America v. Soliman S. Biheiri. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. Case #: 03-365-A. August 14, 2003. Page 5.

⁶¹ Hecimovic, Esad. “Blockading Young Muslims’ Way—Misuse of Humanitarian Funds To Support Terrorism.” Dani (Sarajevo). November 22, 2002. Pages 36-39.

⁶² ARB 974-1019, 1183-1216.

⁶³ Jeannine Aversa. “U.S. blocks assets of Islamic charity’s operations in Bosnia and Somalia.” Associated Press. March 11, 2002.

⁶⁴ “Kenya bans six Islamic aid agencies after U.S. Embassy bombing.” Associated Press. September 9, 1998.

⁶⁵ U.S. v. Usama bin Laden, et al. United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. 116 F. Supp. 2d 489; 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14507. October 5, 2000, Decided. October 5, 2000, Filed. Government exhibits GX-207 to GX-364.

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President of Al-Haramain's Ashland, Oregon office on IRS 990 Forms from fiscal year 2000.⁶⁶ Al-Haramain's English-language website further identifies Al-Kadi as a member of its global Board of Trustees.⁶⁷ Al-Kadi himself held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank.⁶⁸

Regarding the U.S. presence in the Muslim world, two months after the 1998 East Africa Embassy bombings, the Al-Haramain English-language newsletter read:

"The war of the Christian Crusaders is today at its most intense... The Muslim whose mind has not been corrupted cannot bear to see the unbelievers wielding authority, and ordering and prohibiting in his own country. Therefore such a Muslim strives his utmost to expel and distance them - even if he has to sacrifice his own life, or his most cherished possession, for this cause."⁶⁹

Likewise, in May 1999, the Al-Haramain English newsletter carried an article endorsing the position of noted Muslim lecturer Jamal al-Din Zarabozo: "What we need are Muslims who are totally committed to Islam... People who are willing to sacrifice for Allah's sake and not fear the harm of anyone. This is what we need. We need a real commitment to Islam. We must strive to support the Muslims and jihads throughout the world with our lives and our wealth."⁷⁰ The official Al-Haramain website carried regularly updated reports on the "The Jihaad In Chechnya" in the form of copies of communiqués issued to "the President of the Asian committee" of Al-Haramain from its representative in Chechnya, Abdul-Lateef Ad-Diraan.⁷¹

In March 2003, German authorities detained and interrogated six suspected Muslim militants tied to the Al-Nur mosque in Berlin. One of these men, Tunisian-born Ihsan Garnooui, was arrested after a search of his belongings uncovered a poison handbook, bomb-making ingredients, a loaded handgun, and a stolen passport. Masjid Al-Nur had already come under scrutiny for its links to Mohammad J. Fakihi, director of the Islamic Affairs Department at the Saudi Embassy in Berlin, who has been tied to Al-Qaida and alleged September 11 conspirators active in Germany. Reportedly, German investigators were also examining the role of the Al-Haramain Foundation in funding and sponsorship of the Al-Nur mosque. Shaykh 'Aqeel Ibn 'Abdul-'Aziz Al-'Aqeel, the "general director" of Al-Haramain is listed as a co-owner of the land the mosque sits on, which was purchased only months after the arrival of Fakihi at the Saudi Embassy in Berlin.⁷² Documents produced in discovery in the litigation identify a bank wire of 50000 Saudi

⁶⁶ IRS 990 Form fiscal year 2000 for the "Al-Haramain Foundation."

⁶⁷ <http://www.alharamain.org/alharamain/eng/inner.asp?order=1&num=1>.

⁶⁸ Mansour al Kadi held 5 accounts at ARB with significant monies moving in and out of the accounts – 48,188,573.59 riyals in total deposits, and 46,462,688.08 riyals in total withdrawals during the 1998-2002 time period. ARB 41508-41510, ARB 41511-41561, ARB 41562-41610, ARB 41611-41619, ARB 41622-41667.

⁶⁹ Shaykh Abdul-Aziz Ibn Baz. "The Ideological Attack." Al-Haramain Newsletter. Vol. 2; No. 10. October 1998.

⁷⁰ <http://www.alharamain.org/english/newsletter/issue23/feature23.htm>. May 1999.

⁷¹ http://www.alharamain.org/alharamain/chechniya/chech_eng01.html. October 2000. See also: http://www.alharamain.org/alharamain/chechniya/chech_eng04.html. October 2000.

⁷² Crawford, David. "Germans Investigate Saudi Official." The Wall Street Journal. April 22, 2003.

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riyals dated February 15, 1999 from Sulaiman bin Abdelaziz al-Rajhi to the Al-Nur mosque in Berlin.⁷³ Notably, Aqeel al-Aqeel himself held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank as well.⁷⁴

As of March 2006, the U.S. government has named Al-Haramain Foundation affiliate offices in at least thirteen different countries as Specially Designated Foreign Terrorist (SDGT) entities—including, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia, Ethiopia, Albania, Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Indonesia, the Comoros Islands, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and even inside the U.S.⁷⁵ CIA documents indicate that Al-Haramain employee accounts in Albania specifically received money from Al-Haramain's official account at al-Rajhi Bank.⁷⁶

A subsequent federal law enforcement investigation of Al-Haramain's operations in the United States revealed further details on the relationship between Al-Haramain and Al-Rajhi Bank. According to an affidavit from an IRS Criminal Investigations agent, a Saudi organizer for Al-Haramain arrived in the U.S. in May of 2000 carrying \$275,000 "consis[ting] of American Express Traveler's checks issued by Al-Rajhi Bank in Riyadh Saudi Arabia. Bank records show these funds were deposited into a Bank of America account in Ashland, Oregon, in the name of AHIF, Inc [Al-Haramain]."⁷⁷ The same Saudi organizer, Soliman Albuthe, allegedly later withdrew \$151,000 in traveler's and cashier's checks from Al-Haramain Funds in the United States: "ALBUTHE cashed the traveler's checks on approximately March 25, 2000 at Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. An analysis of the \$21,000 cashier's check ALBUTHE received... shows the check was deposited into an Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment account in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."⁷⁸ According to an official statement from the FBI, the traveler's checks "cashed in for Saudi riyals at the Al Rajhi Bank [then] disappeared, presumably to be smuggled into Chechnya."⁷⁹ Albuthe personally held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank.⁸⁰ In 2007, Soliman Albuthe was blacklisted by the U.S. Treasury department as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT).⁸¹

According to the U.S. Justice Department, senior Al-Haramain administrator Soliman Albuthe also paid money to a Saudi Arabian grad student "to work on the website... www.islamtoday.net."⁸² The founder and "general supervisor" behind islamtoday.net was Shaykh Salman al-Awdah, whose biography was published on the website and who used it to publish his own fatwahs (religious edicts).⁸³ Al-Rajhi

⁷³ NL, 15578, 15043-15046 at 15044.

⁷⁴ Aqil al Aqil held 5 accounts at ARB which saw massive amounts of money moving through the accounts – 41,488,841.68 riyals in deposits, and 41,599,552.07 riyals in withdrawals during the 1998-2002 time period. ARB 41454-41463, ARB 41464-41501, ARB 41502-41503, ARB 41504-41505, ARB 41506-41507, ARB42129-42138.

⁷⁵ <http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/sdnlist.txt>. March 2006.

⁷⁶ CIA-SUB_0013.

⁷⁷ United States District Court, District of Oregon. Affidavit in support of Search Warrant for 3800 S. Highway 99, Ashland, OR 97520. Colleen Anderson, Special Agent, IRS-CI. February 13, 2004.

⁷⁸ United States District Court, District of Oregon. Affidavit in support of Search Warrant for 3800 S. Highway 99, Ashland, OR 97520. Colleen Anderson, Special Agent, IRS-CI. February 13, 2004.

⁷⁹ <https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/portland/press-releases/2010/pd091010.htm>

⁸⁰ ARB 858-959.

⁸¹ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20070601a>. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/js1895>

⁸² Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, Inc. v. United States Department of the Treasury. Opinion. United States District Court, District of Oregon. Civil No. 07-1155-KI. 585 F. Supp. 2d 1233 (D. Or. 2008). November 6, 2008.

⁸³ <http://islamtoday.net/salman/aboutus.htm>. December 2008. See also: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/315041>.

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Bank records likewise appear to show large transfers of money from the account of Khaled Abdullah al Qafari (Salman al-Awdah's personal secretary) into Albuthe's ARB account.⁸⁴

During the mid-1990s, al-Awdah ran afoul of Saudi authorities and was formally detained for five years stemming from his extremist rhetoric and calls for military confrontation with the West—only to be inexplicably released from custody by the Saudis in 1999. The mujahideen recruitment video “Martyrs of Bosnia” includes audio recordings of al-Awdah discussing the conflict in the Balkans and portraying it as part of a larger physical battle with the Western world: “The scholars of history have said, ‘the most distinguished of wars throughout history are those based on belief, because a man who fights for his creed, believes that when he dies, he dies as a martyr.... What occurred in Bosnia Herzegovina was not merely a war between the Muslims and the Serbs, but it was a war between Islam and Christianity. And this is how we must understand it. It was a war carried out by the entire West against the Islamic world.’”⁸⁵ According to mujahideen spokesmen quoted in the video, Salman al-Awdah was among the “most important” Islamic clerics around the world to “spread the news of jihad” in Bosnia.⁸⁶

Al-Awdah's imprisonment by the Saudi government caused great consternation and anger among a variety of jihadi circles. In December 1994, a group of militants loyal to the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) seized control of an Air France jetliner in Algiers in an unsuccessful bid to suicide-crash it into the Eiffel Tower on Christmas Day. After securing the plane, the GIA hijackers demanded (in exchange for passengers held hostage), “the release of Dr. Omar Abdel Rahman and [Shaykh] Salman al-Awdah.”⁸⁷ Prior to 9/11, Usama Bin Laden himself referred to al-Awdah as a personal hero, and in an interview with journalist Peter Arnett, cited him as a direct inspiration for taking up “my duty of enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong.”⁸⁸ Likewise, according to at least one Al-Qaida online magazine published in Saudi Arabia, al-Awdah once told other terrorist leaders based in Saudi Arabia that he was “proud to be one of the soldiers of Abu Abdallah [Bin Laden].”⁸⁹

Before his initial arrest in Saudi Arabia in 1994, al-Awdah allegedly told his followers that Al-Rajhi Bank was “the only financial institution in Saudi Arabia that followed Islamic guidelines and, therefore, the only bank worthy of Muslim deposits.” According to an undated CIA report, “the Al Rajhi family subsequently became a major financial supporter of al-Awdah.”⁹⁰

⁸⁴ ARB 935 (February 2, 2002 transfer of 100,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Transfer to you from Khaled Abdullah Al Qafari”)); ARB 937 – March 12, 2002 transfer of 50,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Transfer from the account of Khaled Al Abdullah Al Qafari”); ARB 941 – March 1, 2002 transfer of 150,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Khaled Al Qafari transfer”); ARB 943 – May 22, 2002 transfer of 50,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Transfer – Khaled Abdullah Al Qafari”); ARB 954 – October 29, 2002 transfer of 50,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Transfer, Khaled Abdullah Al Qafari”); ARB 955 – November 16, 2002 transfer of 50,000.00 riyals into Buthe's account (“Transfer – Khaled Abdullah Al Qafari”).

⁸⁵ Azzam Publications. “Martyrs of Bosnia.”

⁸⁶ Azzam Publications. “Martyrs of Bosnia.”

⁸⁷ “Malhamat al-Shahadah: A political analysis of the goal of the Martyrdom Operation.” Islam Report. American Islamic Group (AIG). December 31, 1994.

⁸⁸ Transcript of Usama Bin Laden interview with Peter Arnett. As released for “CNN/Time Impact: Holy Terror?” CNN. March 1997.

⁸⁹ Al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia. Sawt al-Jihad Magazine. Issue #1. October 2003.

⁹⁰ CIA 748. See also E014040 637-642 at 640 (“As late as May 2009, Sheikh Salman Odeh (a.k.a. Sheikh Salman bin Fand Al-Awda) was the shaykh of Saudi-based Salafi extremists Mohammed Al-Muhanna and Fahd Al-Thumary.”).

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The Jeddah-based charity International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) (Hay'at al-Ighatha al-Islamiyya al-Alamiyya), known locally as "Ighatha," "IGASA," or "IGASE," was founded in 1978 as a branch of the Muslim World League (MWL). Discovery in this case indicates that IIRO held as many as 308 separate bank accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank during the 1998 through 2002 period.⁹¹ An analysis of IIRO fundraising appeals starting from the mid-1990s indicates that the Saudi charity relied heavily on accounts held at Al-Rajhi Bank to solicit financial donations. Printed English-language pamphlets issued in the name of IIRO's "Secretray[sic]-General" called upon supporters to subscribe and provide a "regular donation of Zakath" – offering a "bank address: Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation" in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.⁹² In April 1999, IIRO Secretary General Dr. Adnan Khalil Basha broadcast appeals in Saudi media seeking "philanthropists to donate generously" to the group's zakat and relief funds, advertising multiple accounts at "Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation."⁹³ In April 2003, IIRO's parent organization, the Muslim World League (MWL), posted fundraising appeals in its Arabic-language online newsletter on behalf of "the International Islamic Relief Organization in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, affiliated with the Muslim World League" – and requesting that funds be sent to an account at Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation.⁹⁴ One of IIRO's charity accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank was held in the name of "Al Aqsa Martyrs & Orphans"⁹⁵ – and IIRO account statements also identify numerous payments to the Al Quds Intifada between 2000-2002.⁹⁶ An undated CIA report noted that "an unspecified member of the Al Rajhi family is charged with overseeing financial support to the Afghan Mujahideen along with the IIRO Director in Kabul."⁹⁷

Over the last thirty years, IIRO has become quite infamous for its often direct links to violent jihadists, including Al-Qaida and Usama Bin Laden. Even Mohammed al-Zawahiri, leader of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad's military wing and the brother of Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri (Bin Laden's personal physician and top advisor), worked and traveled around the world on behalf of IIRO.⁹⁸ U.S. government diplomatic cables have stated that "Usama bin Ladin used the entire IIRO network for his terrorist activities."⁹⁹ According to U.S. Department of Defense documents, the U.S. government has privately designated IIRO as a "National Intelligence Priority Framework (NIPF) Counter-Terrorism (CT) Priority 2 Terrorist Support Entity (TSE)."¹⁰⁰ According to these documents, "Priority 2 TSEs have demonstrated sustained and active financial support for terrorist organizations willing to attack U.S. persons or interests, or provide witting

⁹¹ See also Transcript at p. 88, Deposition of 30(b)(6) Al-Rajhi Bank Designee James Galloway (May 11, 2023). ARB produced account statements for 287 IIRO accounts at ARB, showing 2,974,279,291.71 riyals in total deposits and 2,914,284,820.75 riyals in total withdrawals.

⁹² IIRO fundraising pamphlet "My Regular Donation of Zakath (Alms)."

⁹³ "ALJ group donates SR8m to aid Kosovar Muslims." Arab News. April 17, 1999.

⁹⁴ www.muslimworldleague.org/paper/1788/articles/page1.htm, www.muslimworldleague.org/paper/1776/articles/page10.htm, April 14, 2003.

⁹⁵ ARB 39615, 39616, 39614, 10369, 14237, 14250, 14251, 13902, 14289, 39623, 39608, and 10126

⁹⁶ ARB 2700, 2701, 5085, 5087, 5105, 10061, 10064, 10068, 10071, 10074, 10079, 10101, 10105, 10109, 10113, 10116.

⁹⁷ CIA 743.

⁹⁸ "Official sources deny reports on UAE's extradition of Islamist." Al-Hayat. June 7, 2000.

⁹⁹ FED-PEC 220501-220502.

¹⁰⁰ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Samir N. Al Hasan (ISN No. 043) (March 4, 2008).

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operational support to Priority 2 terrorist groups.”¹⁰¹ Separately, IIRO is also reportedly an “NGO Tier 1 counterterrorism target defined as having demonstrative sustained and active support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.”¹⁰² Other DOD documents have classified IIRO as among the “Associated forces” of Al-Qaida, “with which al-Qaida, the al-Qaida network, or the Taliban had or has an established working, supportive, or beneficiary relationship for the achievement of common goals... Through associations with these groups and organizations a detainee may have provided support to al-Qaida or the Taliban, or engaged in hostilities against U.S. or Coalition forces.”¹⁰³

The U.S. Department of Defense has also internally acknowledged that the IIRO “is financed by Usama bin Laden;”¹⁰⁴ “has been directly linked to Al-Qaida and Usama Bin Ladin;”¹⁰⁵ has “provided financial assistance, funds transfers and legitimate cover for moving money under the pretense of humanitarian relief to Al-Qaida;”¹⁰⁶ “has connections to terrorist organizations and has channeled funds to Islamic extremists from Afghanistan;”¹⁰⁷ has a network of “field offices worldwide, many of which are staffed by or support terrorists or mujahidin;”¹⁰⁸ and, “is linked to... other extremist NGOs.”¹⁰⁹

A 2004 U.S. State Department diplomatic cable produced as evidence in the present litigation alleges “that some elements of the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) have been exploited by terrorists and their financiers as a means of transferring assets, providing organizational cover, or otherwise supporting extremist, violent operations.” The cable further identifies the IIRO “as the principal sponsor of terrorist training camps in Afghanistan during the Taliban regime.”¹¹⁰

As a result of the overwhelming evidence assembled against IIRO, the Canadian government (among others) has classified it as “secretly fund[ing] terrorism,” officially branding it a terrorist charity.¹¹¹ According to Canadian court documents, Mahmoud Jaballah, a suspected Egyptian Al-Jihad militant jailed in Canada and accused of having contact with Al-Qaida operatives, spent three years working for the International Islamic Relief Organization in Pakistan. The Canadian Security and Intelligence Service CSIS “believes that Jaballah continues to actively support [Al-Jihad’s] terrorist agenda.” As a result of their

¹⁰¹ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Samir N. Al Hasan (ISN No. 043) (March 4, 2008).

¹⁰² U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Rashed Awad Khalaf Balkhair (ISN No. 186) (June 28, 2006); U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Rashid Abd al Muslih Qaid al Qaid (ISN No. 344) (May 13, 2005).

¹⁰³ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Matrix of Threat Indicators for Enemy Combatants.

¹⁰⁴ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Samir N. Al Hasan (ISN No. 043) (October 13, 2006).

¹⁰⁵ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Abdallah Ibrahim al Rushaydan (ISN No. 343) (September 10, 2004).

¹⁰⁶ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Abdallah Ibrahim al Rushaydan (ISN No. 343) (September 10, 2004).

¹⁰⁷ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Ahmed Hassan Jamil Suleyman (ISN No. 662) (March 28, 2005).

¹⁰⁸ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Rashid Abd al Muslih Qaid al Qaid (ISN No. 344) (September 30, 2004).

¹⁰⁹ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Rashid Abd al Muslih Qaid al Qaid (ISN No. 344) (September 30, 2004).

¹¹⁰ PEC-KSA 1464-1466.

¹¹¹ Evidence introduced by the Canadian government in the trial of Mahmoud Es-sayy Jaballah.

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investigation, CSIS concluded that “the degree of Jaballah’s dedication to the cause is such that Jaballah would resort to violence and would direct others to resort to violence if he was ordered to do so by leaders such as Osama Bin Laden or Dr. Ayman Al-Zawaheri.”¹¹² Among others, Jaballah was suspected of cooperating with senior Canadian Al-Qaida lieutenant Ahmad Saeed Khadr (a.k.a. Abdel Rahman Al-Kanadi), considered to be a highly influential figure in the international terrorist financing network.¹¹³ During Jaballah’s immigration trial, Mr. Arafat El-Asahi, the director of IIRO in Canada and a full-time employee of the Muslim World League, was called to testify on Jaballah’s behalf. The director admitted that Jaballah had “worked as a principal of one of our organizations in Pakistan” and that he had been recommended by IIRO’s administrators in Pakistan as having “excellent character and good behaviour.”¹¹⁴

From the late 1980s, IIRO offices, representatives, and employees have been involved in money laundering, weapons smuggling, document fraud, terrorist financing, and acts of violence. According to former Al-Qaida member Jamal al-Fadl, IIRO ran an Al-Qaida guesthouse in Peshawar, Pakistan.¹¹⁵ Al-Fadl also spoke of two Al-Qaida members “who were involved in the financial aspects of the group”—Abu Unaith al Saudi and Abu Hammam al Saudi—“purchased weapons for Al-Qaida during the war in Afghanistan and maintained an office in Peshawar, Pakistan circa 1989.” According to al-Fadl, “this office was located inside the offices of the Islamic Relief Organization (IRO).” During his debriefing, al-Fadl “further advised that the manager and person who ran the IRO at the time was Wael Julidan whose alias was Abu Al-Hassan Al-Madani... Julidan was one of Bin Laden’s closest friends at the time.”¹¹⁶

Al-Fadl later identified Abu Hammam al-Saudi from Jeddah as the head of IIRO’s office in Peshawar. According to al-Fadl, Abu Hammam was an influential operator within the Al-Qaida network, who helped establish Bin Laden’s company in Sudan, Wadi al-Aqiq, “and would provide false IIRO identifications for people to travel.” Al-Fadl told FBI investigators that some of the money Bin Laden distributed during the Soviet-Afghan war came from a very wealthy Saudi that “was sent to the IRO run by Abu Hammam.”¹¹⁷

According to al-Fadl, Al-Qaida’s chief financial officer Saidi Madani al Tayyib “was working under Abu Hamam Al-Saudi, the individual who ran the Islamic International Relief Organization in Peshawar, Pakistan.” “Abu Hamam al Saudi would give money to Al-Tayyib who would then distribute certain amounts to both Sheikh Said Al-Masri (an Egyptian) and Abu Yassir Sarrir (an Algerian).” Al-Fadl indicated that the latter two individuals “were in charge of salary, travel, and health benefits for Al-Qaida.”¹¹⁸ Said Al-Masri, a.k.a. Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, “took part in founding al-Qaida in 1989, and is a member of the

¹¹² “Respondent’s (Moving Party) Motion Record.” The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Mahmoud Jaballah, Docket: DES-6-99 (June 2, 1999), at pp. 61-62.

¹¹³ “Respondent’s (Moving Party) Motion Record.” The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Mahmoud Jaballah, Docket: DES-6-99 (June 2, 1999), at p. 10.

¹¹⁴ “Reasons for Order.” The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Mahmoud Jaballah, Docket: DES-6-99, Federal Court of Canada (November 2, 1999), at p. 85.

¹¹⁵ Cooperating Witness Statement (January-February 1998) (PEC-KSA 2144-2157), at p. 3.

¹¹⁶ June 2, 2004 FBI Report (PEC-KSA 2133-2134).

¹¹⁷ Cooperating Witness Statement (November 1996) (PEC-KSA 2115-2132), at pp. 6, 7, 10. See also Jamal Al-Fadhl, Videotape Interviews, at pp. SA-894-901 (Jamal al-Fadl explained that the IIRO office in Peshwar, Pakistan, under the leadership of Wael Jalaidan, provided IIRO identification cards to members of Al-Qaida to allow them to cross the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.).

¹¹⁸ Cooperating Witness Statement (January-February 1998) (PEC-KSA 2144-2157), at pp. 2-3.

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Shura council of Qaida al-Jihad.”¹¹⁹ He later ascended to the position of Al-Qaida’s emir in Afghanistan and third-in-command in the Al-Qaida organization behind only Bin Laden and Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Jamal al-Fadl recalled that the extent of support for Bin Laden within the ranks of IIRO ran throughout the organization all the way to its headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. According to al-Fadl, one of IIRO’s managers in Jeddah, Sharaf al Din Ali Mukhar, had accompanied Bin Laden both to Afghanistan and later to Sudan, where he “run everything for Bin Laden.”¹²⁰

In testimony before the Pentagon’s Administrative Review Board, Guantanamo Bay enemy combatant detainees have made a number of references to their involvement in IIRO—such as a Saudi national from Dammam, Ghanim Abd al Rahman Ghanim al Huwaymadi al Harbi (ISN No. 516), who identified himself as “a [Saudi] government employee of a charitable organization... the IIRO, International Islam Relief Organization,” and insisted that Al-Qaida’s Al-Farouq training camp in Afghanistan—where at least seven of the 9/11 suicide hijackers were trained—was a “charity-funded camp.”¹²¹ Another detainee—an unnamed Algerian who “voluntarily traveled from Mauritania, Africa to Islamabad, Pakistan in 1987 to work for [IIRO]”—likewise admits that he “received weapons training on the Kalashnikov rifle while working for the IRO... near the border town of Peshawar.”¹²²

During further testimony before U.S. Defense Department personnel, Guantanamo Bay detainee Said Muhammad Husayn Qahtani (ISN No. 200) described how IIRO offered fraudulent employment and documents to foreign mujahideen fighters who wished to cross the border into Chechnya and engage in combat with the Russian military: “The detainee contacts relief organizations such as the Islamic Relief Organization and Haramain Organization. The detainee’s intention was to join a relief organization because those entities would offer him a way to get into Chechnya, whose borders were closed at that time. Once there, the detainee would be free to leave the relief organization and join the fighting.”¹²³ According to Guantanamo Bay detainee Abdul Latif Elbanna (ISN No. 905), while away from the battlefield, “fighters from Afghanistan” lived for free during the early 1990s at an IIRO-owned guesthouse in the Hayatabad district of Peshawar.”¹²⁴ IIRO’s operations in Pakistan were allegedly responsible for sponsoring 7 Al-Qaida training camps in the region.¹²⁵

¹¹⁹ <http://www.alhesbah.org/v/showthread.php?t=130663>. May 26, 2007.

¹²⁰ Jamal Al-Fadhl, Videotape Interviews, at pp. SA-680 and SA-907.

¹²¹ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Abd al Rahman Ghanim al Huwaymadi al Harbi (ISN No. 516).

¹²² Set_12_1179-1239, at p. 16.

¹²³ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Said Muhammad Husayn Qahtani (ISN No. 200) (August 12, 2006).

¹²⁴ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Abdul Latif Elbanna (ISN No. 905) (August 26, 2005).

¹²⁵ January 1996 CIA Report on “International Islamic NGOs” and links to terrorism. Page 1. See also Affidavit by Senior Special Agent David Kane (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security). United States of America v. Soliman S. Biheiri. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, Case #: 03-365-A (August 14, 2003), at p. 2.

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In March 1995, authorities in Macedonia ordered the closure of the IIRO branch office in that country and the expulsion of its staff based on concerns of terrorism financing.¹²⁶ Six months later, a German and Austrian counterterrorism task force raided the branch office of IIRO in Vienna, Austria as part of a weapons smuggling and terrorism financing investigation into the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA).¹²⁷ In early 2000, IIRO's shared office in Kosovo with the Saudi Joint Relief Committee (SJRC) was raided in an attempt to thwart potential attacks on U.S. interests.¹²⁸ Following the 1998 Embassy bombings in East Africa, IIRO's chapter in Nairobi was deregistered by the government of Kenya for its alleged connection to the terrorists responsible for the devastating blasts. In the wake of the American retaliation for the suicide bombings, Indian police arrested a number of suspects charged in a successive attempted attack on the U.S. consulates in Madras and Calcutta. This terrorist cell was led by a Bangladeshi national, Sayed Abu Nasir, acting on orders from, among others, Shaykh Ahmed al-Gamdin, director of IIRO operations in Asia.¹²⁹ In 1999, the government of Azerbaijan closed the IIRO branch office in Makhachkala and confiscated the IIRO's assets.¹³⁰ Following the 9/11 attacks, the government of Pakistan "identified and expelled some two dozen Al-Qaida supporters who had been working for the IIRO-sponsored organizations in Pakistan."¹³¹ IIRO's offices in neighboring Tirana, Albania were searched at least twice by local authorities in 2001 and 2003.¹³² In 2005, the government of Bahrain identified and closed an IIRO bank account that had been opened illegally and was being used "to circumvent Saudi restrictions on sending money abroad."¹³³ In 2006, the government of Bangladesh seized and froze the IIRO's bank accounts at the Islami Bank of Bangladesh based on concerns expressed by the U.S. government that the IIRO has ties to al-Qaida.¹³⁴

Dr. Farid Qurashi, IIRO's former "general supervisor," has publicly boasted that "IIRO was the first relief organization to enter Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkan region. From the very beginning of the Bosnia war, we were there to help."¹³⁵ According to the Bosnian Muslim Army's Military Intelligence Service, IIRO's employees seemed to oddly "fluctuate... in and out of the humanitarian organization. They successively communicate with the members of the squad 'El-Mudzahidin' (Tesanj) and are the bearers of a so-called Pan-Arabian idea.... They tend to change traditional living and religious norms of behavior

¹²⁶ FED-PEC 220506-220510; FED-PEC 104843-104856. See also The Sunday Times, "Saudis Fund Balkan Muslims Spreading Hate of the West," March 28, 2010 ("Classified documents seen by The Sunday Times reveal that Macedonia officials are also investigating a number of Islamic charities, some in Saudi Arabia, which are active throughout the Balkans and are suspected of spreading extremism and laundering money for terrorist organizations. One of the groups under scrutiny is the International Islamic Relief Organization from Saudi Arabia, which is on a United Nations blacklist of organizations backing terrorism.").

¹²⁷ Austrian Federal Office of Criminal Investigation. "Expert report concerning the area of financial investigations relating to the judicial assistance request, ref. no. INV/10289/T09-PH (245), dated 8/27/2002 relating to the "Third World Relief Agency." ST 45-2 - 185/02. August 28, 2003.

¹²⁸ FED-PEC 97363-97365, IIRO 41030, IIRO 39085-39086, IIRO 39278, IIRO 122181-122181. See also IIRO 122181-122182 (IIRO remained under surveillance by KFOR troops in 2003.).

¹²⁹ Dugger, Celia W. "Anti-U.S. Plot in India Is Foiled; Militant Islamist Intended to Bomb 2 Consulates, Police Say." The New York Times. January 21, 1999, at p. 4.

¹³⁰ IIRO 284675, IIRO 103718, IIRO 96423, IIRO 48084.

¹³¹ FED-PEC 144926-145008 (December 2, 2003 Report of the United Nations Security Council Committee Concerning Al-Qaida and Taliban).

¹³² IIRO 42360, IIRO 42373, IIRO 122003.

¹³³ FED-PEC 220490-220491, FED-PEC 210514-210517.

¹³⁴ FED-PEC 220511-220513.

¹³⁵ "IIRO saves forty thousand Bosnians from starvation." Moneyclips. July 4, 1993.

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of Bosnians-Moslems. This culminates through various reactions and confrontations, fights within the community.”¹³⁶ In an exclusive prison interview, former American mujahideen recruit Randall Todd Royer (a.k.a. Ismail Royer), who participated in the Bosnian jihad, acknowledged that IIRO’s reputation was “well-known” in the Balkans: “it was well known that they helped get ‘people’ into Bosnia.” Royer explained that another mujahideen fighter in Zenica had openly discussed his efforts to use IIRO in order to obtain identity cards for fellow jihadis.¹³⁷

By mid-1993, the operations of the IIRO in Bosnia-Herzegovina were under the primary oversight of a Palestinian national known as Abdelaziz Zaher (a.k.a. Abu Anas, Abu Enes) and his deputy, an Algerian national, Djamel Lamrani (a.k.a. Abu Musab al-Djazairi). Zaher was expelled from his former residence in Belgrade at the beginning of 1993 after being tied by Serbian authorities to various organizations suspected of aiding armed fundamentalist militant groups, including IIRO.¹³⁸ In the aftermath of his expulsion from Yugoslavia, Zaher moved his base of operations to Vienna and Zagreb.¹³⁹ One of the members of IIRO’s initial management team in Vienna in 1992, Sukarno Ali Hassanein (brother of Third World Relief Agency chief El Fatih Hassanein), recalled during a later interview with Austrian police, “I know him as Zaher Abdelaziz, [he] works for IGASA/IIRO. He might be the boss for Vienna or Zagreb. He is one of our successors at IGASA.”¹⁴⁰

During a June 2019 deposition of Abdulrauf Khalaf Al-Shorman, former chief of the IIRO branch office in Sarajevo, al-Shorman confirmed that Abdelaziz Zaher “was the supervisor” of IIRO’s offices in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia: “The offices of the IIRO, yes.” Al-Shorman also confirmed that Zaher was known to him by the pseudonym Abu Anas: “yes, of course. It’s a name, it’s a nickname, because his son is Anas, so he is Abu Anas, father of Anas... the first time he visited Sarajevo—the first time I saw him, in his first visit to Sarajevo in 1994, back then I was an employee with the orphans.” Al-Shorman recalled meeting Zaher on two separate occasions, “probably ‘95 or even ‘94, same year.... He visited the office and he came to greet the employees.... He was the executive director of the offices.”¹⁴¹

Abdelaziz Zaher was a witness, and a possible accessory to, the 1994 murder of British aid worker Paul Goodall near Zenica—acknowledged by the Bosnian Muslim Army at the time as “one of the most

¹³⁶ “Disruption of the enemy’s activities.” Memorandum dispatched from Zenica by Colonel Ramiz Dugalic, commander of the Ministry of Defense Security Administration Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ARBiH) Security Service Department. Classified No. 258-33. September 14, 1994.

¹³⁷ Interview with Randall Todd Royer (a.k.a. “Ismail Royer”) at the Alexandria Detention Center; Alexandria, VA. June 30, 2004.

¹³⁸ Vujicic, D. “Bombs in the Name of the Almighty: Part II.” *Vecernje Novosti* (Belgrade) (September 27, 2001), at p. 13.

¹³⁹ According to a report from the Bosnian MUP police service, “in those days”, four other individuals were known to work alongside Zaher in the IIRO’s regional headquarters: Saudi national Dr. Abdala Alabdan, “Abdalin”, Palestinian national Muhamed Salah, and Syrian national Mustafa Hamami. See: “Subject: ABDEL RAHMAN MAMDOUH – Operative Data.” Internal memorandum from the BiH FMUP Special Detachment, Department for the Tuzla Canton; #12/2-3-356/04. Dated: April 5, 2005.

¹⁴⁰ Minutes of Austrian police interview with Sukarno Ali Hassanein following search of premises belonging to El Fatih Hassanein. September 5, 1995. FED-PEC 224262, FED-PEC 224273-224280.

¹⁴¹ Transcript, Deposition of Abderraouf Khalaf Alshorman (June 21, 2019), at pp. 229, 269-271.

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serious incidents caused by the members of the [El-Mujahidin] unit.”¹⁴² Two days later, local authorities arrested three men: Saudi national Abdul Hadi al-Qahtani (a.k.a. Abdul Hadi al-Gahtani), “Abu Khulud al-Yemeni,” and “Abu Enes” (a.k.a. IIRO chief Abdelaziz Zaher). At the time of his arrest, al-Qahtani was carrying an identification card issued by the Zenica office of the Saudi High Commission for Relief.¹⁴³ Dzermaludin Mutapcic, the deputy prosecutor of Zenica, announced to reporters that al-Qahtani had come to Bosnia “to fight in the way of God, to save Bosnia’s Muslims.”¹⁴⁴ When shown a photograph of al-Qahtani, two British eyewitnesses allegedly identified him as the lead assailant behind the murder of Paul Goodall.¹⁴⁵ Asim Fazlic, then-chief of police in Zenica, commented, “One of the strangest elements is that we still do not know the exact identity of [those]... we hold in Zenica. They are very uncooperative and so far still insist, in spite of their car, uniform and weapons, that they are humanitarian aid workers helping privately funded organisations.”¹⁴⁶

Following the end of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina in late 1995, Abdelaziz Zaher and IIRO continued their operations in the Balkans. The same year, “with the financial help of Selim Ben Mafuz, the executive director of ‘Igasas’ in Vienna,” Zaher and other local IIRO organizers founded two commercial enterprises, “Sahara” and “Isra-Trade” which allegedly were the recipient of suspicious financial transfers from “residential accounts of the H.O. ‘Igasas.’”¹⁴⁷ According to a guidebook on Islamic charitable organizations printed by NATO, in April 1995, “the regional financial accountant for the IIRO, an Egyptian named Hossam Meawad Mohammad Ali, was detained by Croatian authorities in a raid in Zagreb” for his involvement in alleged criminal activity.¹⁴⁸

A November 2002 U.S. State Department diplomatic cable titled “Terrorist Finance: Bosnia’s Dirty Dozen,” identifies a number of Saudi charities that “are currently involved in providing financial support to known terrorist organizations,” including the IIRO, Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation, Saudi High Commission, and others.¹⁴⁹ An August 2003 U.S. State Department diplomatic cable titled “Terrorist Finance: Dirty Dozen’s Web of Deceit,” reports that the IIRO was implicated in weapons smuggling: “The RS Police arrested 9 Bosnian Serbs in July 2003 for allegedly smuggling weapons to the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), known locally as Igasas.”¹⁵⁰

¹⁴² “Review of the Information on Activities of the Persons from Afro-Asian Countries Directly Before the War and During the War in the Territory of BiH Republic.” Report written by the BiH Administration of the Military Security Service– Department for Analytical and Informative Affairs.” Sarajevo; May 6, 1995.

¹⁴³ Higgins, Andrew et al. “Assault on Charities is Risky Front for U.S.” The Wall Street Journal. October 16, 2001.

¹⁴⁴ Stephen, Chris. “No Justice over Murdered British Aid Worker as Suspect Languishes Behind Prison Bars.” The Guardian (London) (March 23, 1994), at p. 1.

¹⁴⁵ Stephen, Chris. “No Justice over Murdered British Aid Worker as Suspect Languishes Behind Prison Bars.” The Guardian (London) (March 23, 1994), at p. 1.

¹⁴⁶ Loyd, Anthony. “3 held for Goodall murder.” The Times (London). February 2, 1994.

¹⁴⁷ “Subject: ABDEL RAHMAN MAMDOUH – Operative Data.” Internal memorandum from the BiH FMUP Special Detachment, Department for the Tuzla Canton; #12/2-3-356/04. Dated: April 5, 2005.

¹⁴⁸ January 1996 CIA Report on “International Islamic NGOs” and links to terrorism. Page 1. See also Affidavit by Senior Special Agent David Kane (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security). United States of America v. Soliman S. Biheiri. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, Case #: 03-365-A (August 14, 2003), at p. 2.

¹⁴⁹ PEC-FOIA 4499-4503.

¹⁵⁰ PEC-FOIA 49927-49932. See also The Islamic Library – Lessons of Sheikh Saad Buraik, “Explaining the Meaning of Jihad for Support,” at p. 3095 (“Praise be to Allah, we know that the Islamic Relief Organization is an official

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According to the Philippine military's southern command, the IIRO local office in Zamboanga City is the prime coordinating center for the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), a coalition of secessionist Islamic militants in the southern region of the Philippines linked to Al-Qaida. The Zamboanga office, established in 1992, was under the direct control and guidance of Mohammad Jamal Khalifa, brother-in-law of Usama Bin Laden.¹⁵¹ Khalifa, known to be close to Usama (and who had an account at ARB¹⁵²), was detained by American law enforcement officials as he attempted to return from San Francisco to the Philippines on December 16, 1994. Travelling with Khalifa on this occasion was Mohamed Loay Bayazid (a.k.a. Abu Rida al-Suri), one of the founders and key international operatives of Al-Qaida.

After searching Khalifa's electronic organizer and personal address book, agents found entries for two telephone numbers of intimate associates of Ramzi Yousef, the convicted bombmaker in the February 1993 World Trade Center attack. They also discovered documents on Khalifa "referring to the assassination of bishops and bombings of churches (at a time when evidence gathered in the investigation indicates that... others were planning to kill the Pope during a planned January 1995 visit to the Philippines and after churches had already been bombed in the Philippines in the preceding year)."¹⁵³ Four days later, a State Department cable to the American Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan referred to IIRO administrator Khalifa as a "known financier of terrorist operations."¹⁵⁴

U.S. law enforcement officials were also able to recover a handwritten Arabic document from the luggage of Mohammad Jamal Khalifah which apparently represents a curriculum catalogue for an IIRO-sponsored school in the Philippines known as the Institute of al-Imam al-Shafi for Education (a.k.a. Dar al Imam al Shafi'i). The catalogue indicates that the institute is headed by Mohammad Jamal Khalifa (a.k.a. Abu al-Baraa). Advanced level courses at the institute included "Propaganda: introduction, its relation to

agency under the command, care, and sponsorship of the country. It has big, clear, and strong projects in all areas of Jihad, in addition to the relief projects and orphan sponsorship projects. This also applies to the trusted people whom we know. This means that if someone comes to you and gives you money saying, 'Oh, brother, take this. You are going to Afghanistan,' just take it and hand it over to Sayyaf, or hand it over to Hekmatyar. Or, use it to buy a thousand missiles and take them there. If you can hold the trust, we say, 'May Allah reward you with goodness.' And if you come and hand it over to the Islamic Relief Organization, it is a reliable and well-known agency and we do not doubt about it.").

¹⁵¹ See also PEC-KSA 294-295 (Notices authored by MWL Secretary General Dr. Abdullah Naseef and IIRO Director General Dr. Farid Y. Qurashi certifying that Mohammed Jamal Khalifa is "the Regional Director for the IIRO in South-East Asia" and "he is authorized to sign any agreement between the governments of South-East Asia Countries and the Muslim World League and the International Islamic Relief Organization."); FED-PEC 210798-210808 (IIRO's September 20, 1991 filing with the Philippines Securities and Exchange Commission establishing the IIRO branch office in the City/Municipality of Makati, Metro Manila under the leadership of Mohammed Jamal Khalifa.).

¹⁵² ARB 841-842, ARB 1098-1105.

¹⁵³ Sworn affidavit of FBI Special Agent Robert Walker. United States of America v. Benevolence International Foundation, Inc. April 29, 2002. District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Case number: 02CR0414. See also 1996 Central Intelligence Agency report (FED-PEC 104843-104856) ("The former head of the IIRO office in the Philippines, Mohammad Jamal Khalifa, has been linked to Manila-based plots to target the Pope and U.S. airlines; his brother-in-law is Usama Bin Ladin. Another high-ranking official in the Philippines leads Hamas meetings, and the majority of Hamas members in the Philippines are employed by the organization.").

¹⁵⁴ Sworn affidavit of FBI Special Agent Robert Walker. United States of America v. Benevolence International Foundation, Inc. April 29, 2002. District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Case number: 02CR0414. See also December 2004 U.S. State Department diplomatic cable (PEC-KSA 2275-2276).

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jihad, illustrations of Islamic propaganda, Zionist hegemony over channels of propaganda.... Security of individuals, surveillance, how to escape surveillance, security of secret houses and secret documents, methods of information gathering on individuals... how to resist, importance of steadfastness and judgement to confession, methods of torture used in investigations.” An entire section of the curriculum is dedicated exclusively to “Jihad:” “Legal provisions for assassinations and kidnapping; Legal provisions for assassinate priests and Christians; Legal provision for bombing churches and places of worship; Legal provisions for martyrdom operations.... Assassinations: introduction, causes, methods, how to implement it; Explosives: types, how to put together simple explosives.” It emphasized the inclusion of “a round (training cycle) on weapons and explosives, ‘full military training.’”¹⁵⁵

Following Khalifa’s arrest, the Department of State’s Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., submitted several letters to the immigration court in support of Khalifa’s continued detention. In a December 16, 1994 letter, Wilcox stated that “the United States Government has evidence that Muhammad Jamal Khalifa, who has lived in the Philippines for a number of years, has provided financial support to the Philippine terrorist group Abu Sayyaf. We also have information that while in the Philippines he has been involved in organizations closely linked to Hamas.”¹⁵⁶ In a second letter dated December 20, 1994, Wilcox stated that Khalifa “has engaged in a repeated pattern of providing financial, logistical and training assistance to international terrorists.”¹⁵⁷

A U.S. State Department diplomatic cable issued at this same time further described Khalifa’s ties to Usama bin Laden and terror groups in that region: “Khalifa is an officer of an Islamic NGO in the Philippines that is a known Hamas front and has financed terrorist operations. Khalifa is reported to be the brother in law of Usama Bin Laden, the Sudan-based financier of Islamic extremists. Khalifa is believed to have provided support to the Philippine terrorist group Abu Sayyaf.”¹⁵⁸ Additional U.S. government diplomatic cables describe Khalifa’s use of the IIRO to finance the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) terrorist organization. For instance, an April 1995 cable issued by the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines states “Mohammed Jamal Khalifa, the former head of the International Islamic Relief Organization in Manila, [i]s a principal financier of Abu Sayyaf.”¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁵ FED-PEC 202848-202852. See also MWL 8434-8453 (IIRO publication identifying the Dar al Imam al Shafi’i as one of several schools in the Philippines supported by the IIRO’s Social Services Division); FED-PEC 211425-211465 (Philippines Intelligence report stating that teachers and staff of the Dar al Imam al Shafi’i, “one of the affiliates of Khalifa’s network, have undergone training in a Muslim training camp named ‘Abu Haidar,’” which was used to train members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (“MILF”) terrorist group and the IIRO.).

¹⁵⁶ PEC-KSA 2260-2261.

¹⁵⁷ PEC-KSA 2262-2263.

¹⁵⁸ PEC-KSA 2264-2274.

¹⁵⁹ PEC-KSA 2277-2280. See also European Parliament, Directorate-General for External Policies, “The Involvement of Salafism/Wahhabims in the Support and Supply of Arms to Rebel Groups Around the World,” June 2013, at p. 9 (“The so-called Khalifa network counted at least twelve charitable organisations and front companies that provided funds to both the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Abu Sayyaf. One of the most active organisations in this sense was the IIRO. In fact, IIRO-funded facilities were mainly built in Mindanao, a region under the control of the aforementioned rebel groups. For instance, the head of IIRO’s branch office in Tawi, Mindanao, was Abdul Asmad, former Abu Sayyaf’s intelligence chief until 1994 when he died (Abuza, 2003, p. 27). The office was used by Al Qaeda to siphon money on behalf of the MILF and Abu Sayyaf.”).

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An April 2004 U.S. State Department cable states that the IIRO is “tied to al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations. For example, IIRO has been cited as the principal sponsor of terrorist training camps in Afghanistan during the Taliban regime. IIRO has also been cited as the conduit for funds from Usama Bin Laden to terrorist organizations, specifically that the Abu Sayyaf cell in Manila was founded with money sent by Bin Laden to Mohamed Jamal Khalifa through IIRO.”¹⁶⁰ A May 23, 2005 U.S. State Department cable states that the IIRO was used by Khalifa to covertly transfer funding and materials to Abu Sayyaf Group and associated terror groups in the Philippines: “Operated by Usama Bin Laden’s brother-in-law, Saudi businessman Mohammed Jamal Khalifa, and with links to captured al-Qaeda lieutenant Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the IIRO served as a legal front to conceal the transfer of al-Qaeda funding and materiel to the Abu Sayyaf Group and possibly other insurgents or terrorists operating in the Philippines. Although Khalifa left the Philippines in 1994 and the IIRO was shut down, there remain concerns that his network and associates may still be operating here.”¹⁶¹

In August 2006, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that it was blacklisting the Philippine and Indonesian branch offices of IIRO as Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) entities for “facilitating fundraising for al Qaida and affiliated terrorist groups.”¹⁶² According to a statement from the Treasury Department:

“The IIRO-PHL is a source of funding for the al Qaida-affiliated ASG [Abu Sayyaf Group]. IIRO-PHL has served as a liaison for the ASG with other Islamic extremist groups. A former ASG member in the Philippines familiar with IIRO operations in the country reported that a limited amount of foreign IIRO funding goes to legitimate projects and the rest is directed to terrorist operations. The Philippine branches of the IIRO were founded sometime in the late 1980s or early 1990s by Muhammad Jamal Khalifah, who is Usama bin Laden’s brother-in-law and has been identified as a senior al Qaida member. IIRO-PHL’s director, Abd al-Hadi Daguit, is a trusted associate of Khalifah. While working as the director of IIRO-PHL, Khalifah maintained close connections with al Qaida through his relations with senior al Qaida supporters, including Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) Wa’el Hamza Julaidan. At the time Khalifah directed the IIRO-PHL, he employed an ASG intelligence officer as the provincial director of the IIRO-PHL in the Tawi-Tawi region of the Southern Philippines until that officer’s death in 1994. In the mid 1990s, a major ASG supporter, Mahmud Abd Al-Jalil Afif, served as the director of the IIRO-PHL and used the organization to funnel money to terrorist groups including the ASG. Afif was implicated in the assassination of Father Salvatore Carzeda in San Jose Gusu, Zamboanga City, Philippines on June 20, 1992.... The IIRO Indonesia director has channeled money to two Indonesia-based, JI-affiliated foundations. Information from 2006 shows that IIRO-IDN supports JI by providing assistance with recruitment, transportation, logistics, and

¹⁶⁰ PEC-KSA 1467-1470.

¹⁶¹ FED-PEC 220479-220481.

¹⁶² <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp45.aspx>. See also FED-PEC 202100-202112, FED-PEC 202113-202132 (U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Asset Control’s evidentiary memorandum supporting the August 3, 2006 Executive Order 13224 designations of the IIRO branch offices in the Philippines and Indonesia and the Executive Director of the IIRO’s Eastern Province Branch, Abd al Hamid Sulaiman al Mujil).

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safe-havens. As of late 2002, IIRO-IDN allegedly financed the establishment of training facilities for use by al Qaida associates.”¹⁶³

In connection with this litigation, the IIRO has produced a letter written in 2002 from IIRO Secretary General Dr. Adnan Basha citing a visit to IIRO’s headquarters by a delegation from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (“MILF”).¹⁶⁴ The MILF is an armed Islamist insurgent group in the southern Philippines whose fighters have engaged in joint terrorist attacks with the Abu Sayyaf Group in the Philippines as recently as July 2007.¹⁶⁵

As part of its counterterrorism enforcement action against various IIRO offices, the U.S. Treasury additionally personally designated the former Executive Director of the Eastern Province Branch of IIRO in Saudi Arabia, Abd Al Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil.¹⁶⁶ According to an accompanying statement from the Treasury Department:

“Al-Mujil has been called the ‘million dollar man’ for supporting Islamic militant groups. Al-Mujil provided donor funds directly to al Qaida and is identified as a major fundraiser for the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)... In 2004, Al-Mujil invited a Philippines-based JI supporter to Saudi Arabia under the cover of traveling for the hajj (the Muslim pilgrimage), and planned to provide him with cash to carry back to the Philippines to support organizations including JI. Al-Mujil was also present in Afghanistan in the late 1990s and personally knew Usama Bin Ladin and deceased al Qaida co-founder Abdallah Azzam. Al-Mujil traveled continuously to meet with members of Bin Ladin’s organization in Arab countries. In the 1990s, Al-Mujil established a relationship with senior al Qaida operational planner Khalid Shaykh Muhammad. Al-Mujil has a long history of providing support to terrorist organizations. He has contributed direct financial assistance to ASG leaders, including Abdurajak Janjalani (deceased). The Indonesian and Philippines branches of IIRO have received support from IIRO-EP, which in turn is controlled by Al-Mujil. Indeed, he is often responsible for authorizing payment transfers for IIRO Philippines (IIRO-PHL) and IIRO Indonesia (IIRO-IDN).”¹⁶⁷

Former Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) at the U.S. Treasury Department Stuart Levey indicated that Al-Mujil “used his position to bankroll the al Qaida network in Southeast Asia” and “maintained a cell of regular financial donors in the Middle East who support extremist causes.”¹⁶⁸ A June 16, 2006 U.S. diplomatic cable details a visit by then-Homeland Security advisor Frances Townsend to Saudi Arabia in order to quietly announce to the Saudis the U.S. government’s intention to designate IIRO’s branch offices, as well as Mujil. According to the cable, “The United States is also aware of IIRO’s significant illegitimate and illegal activities that fund terrorist activity. We have been concerned about IIRO for many years now and have shared our concerns and information

¹⁶³ <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp45.aspx>.

¹⁶⁴ IIRO 97450. See also IIRO 93331-93333 (correspondence between the Chairman of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (“MILF”) and MWL Secretary General Abdullah al Turki).

¹⁶⁵ https://www.dni.gov/nctc/groups/abu_sayyaf.html.

¹⁶⁶ <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp45.aspx>.

¹⁶⁷ <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp45.aspx>.

¹⁶⁸ <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp45.aspx>.

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with the Government of Saudi Arabia on a regular basis.”¹⁶⁹ Al-Mujil personally held accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank.¹⁷⁰

Al-Rajhi Bank records also show donations from IIRO’s account to the “Al Islah Association” in Yemen.¹⁷¹ Shaykh Abdul-Majid az-Zindani is the longtime ideological leader of the Yemeni Al-Islah opposition party and a celebrated and veteran Arab mujahideen commander. From 1984 until the end of the decade, Zindani brought between 5,000 and 7,000 Arabs, including many Yemenis, to Al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan for military training and religious teaching under his personal guidance. He was an integral part of the Arab-Afghan movement and is reputedly a close confidant and friend of Usama Bin Laden. Subsequent raids of Saudi charitable groups in central Bosnia turned up a large cache of sensitive documents belonging to Al-Qaida—including an Arabic letter from “Abu Anees” was found under the letterhead of IIRO, as a subsidiary of MWL. The letter summarized a meeting held between Usama Bin Laden and, among others, Shaykh Abdel Majid al-Zindani. The discussion at the meeting centered around the creation of an arms and personnel smuggling operation “in a way that [MWL] offices will be opened... for the Pakistanis, and the attacks will be launched from them [these offices]... All of the brothers’ passports are to be kept with the strong organizations, in order to avoid any search action due to pressuring from the embassies, or anything else which may occur.”¹⁷²

In the aftermath of the Soviet-Afghan jihad, Zindani encouraged refugee Arab-Afghan fighters to resettle and continue their training in the mountainous, tribal regions of Yemen.¹⁷³ He started his own religious university there, the very same institution where the future American Taliban John Walker Lindh studied before traveling on to Pakistan. According to a Jordanian criminal indictment, Shaykh az-Zindani gave \$10,000 on behalf of Usama Bin Laden to help finance a radical Islamic terrorist cell in Jordan that committed several fatal bombings in 1994.¹⁷⁴ Cassette tapes of Zindani’s fiery sermons in the wake of September 11, 2001, allege—among other things—that President George W. Bush conspired with the Jews to destroy the World Trade Center and then blame it on Muslims.¹⁷⁵

In January 2010, a former student of Zindani’s in Yemen, Abu Hatem Mohammed Naqaa Qaed al-Hamli (a.k.a. Abu Dujanah al-Sanaani) posted an online appeal to Zindani on a prominent Al-Qaida web forum. Following his work at Zindani’s Al-Iman University, Hamli had left Yemen and joined Al-Qaida in Afghanistan, becoming a bomb-making expert:

“I give you the good news that we are here on the land of Khorasan (Afghanistan)... Every day we excel in power and number and equipment while our enemy is humiliated and degraded. I assure you about the conditions of my comrades, the students from al-Iman University; they are in the frontline on the battlefields against the cross-worshippers. Your

¹⁶⁹ FED-PEC 220571-220572.

¹⁷⁰ ARB 745-787, 788-810, 1051-1062, 1063-1067.

¹⁷¹ ARB 2477-2572 at 2504. See also ARB 5147-5287 at 5199, 5202, 5209, 5210, 5214.

¹⁷² Undated International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) Memorandum seized by the FBI in Bosnia, March 2002. Document name: TAREEKHOSAMA/49/Tareekh Osama.121. United States of America v. Enaam M. Arnaout. United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Case #: 02 CR 892.

¹⁷³ Bruce, James. “Arab Veterans of the Afghan War.” *Jane’s Intelligence Review*. April 1, 1997; Vol. 7; No. 4. Page 175.

¹⁷⁴ “Prosecutor Issues ‘Explosions’ Case Indictment.” *Al-Dustur* (Amman). July 8, 1994.

¹⁷⁵ Kristof, Nicholas D. “The True Arab Leaders.” *The Washington Post*. March 29, 2002.

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students here and in Iraq are leading the mujahideen with their Shariah knowledge, which they learnt from you... You were cautious to raise young men who support this religion and sacrifice for its sake, and here is the land of Afghanistan which can testify to that.”¹⁷⁶

In February 2004, the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee designated Abdelmajid al-Zindani for his association with Al-Qaida.¹⁷⁷ According to the UN Sanctions Committee, “Abd-al-Majid Aziz al-Zindani has provided direct support for terrorism... Mr. al-Zindani had a role in providing advice and views to Usama bin Laden (deceased) and others during the formation of Al-Qaida in the period 1993 to 1998. Subsequently, he actively recruited for Al-Qaida’s operations. Further, he has continued to provide support to Al-Qaida, in particular Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, including through his public statements and role as a highly influential Yemeni cleric.”¹⁷⁸ In early 2002, an Islah party official allegedly told an FBI confidential informant that “he worked directly for a high ranking official in the Islah party of Yemen purchasing weapons for al Qaeda.”¹⁷⁹ Separately, a 2002 CIA report noted, “Islamic extremists in Yemen named Al Rajhi Bank as a preferred bank for transactions.”¹⁸⁰

The Islamic Wisdom Worldwide Mission (IWW) is another separate Filipino Islamic charitable organization with links to the network of Bin Laden’s brother-in-law Mohammed Jamal Khalifah. A listing of Sulaiman al-Rajhi’s “Foreign and Domestic Aid for the Year 1419-1420 AH (1998-1999AD),” identifies a February 22, 1999 payment of 60,000 riyals from Sulaiman al-Rajhi to the benefit of the IWW.¹⁸¹ There is also a corresponding check for \$16,000 from Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment on behalf of Abdul Rahman Bin Abdullah Alrajhi and Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi.¹⁸² A letter accompanying the check from Abdul Rahman bin Abdulla al-Rajhi reads, “Please find enclosed herewith the check mentioned above, which is a donation from Sheikh Suleiman bin Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi for the benefit of Islamic Wisdom Worldwide Mission in the Philippines... do not post this in the media.”¹⁸³

A Filipino Bureau of Immigration report cited by the Associated Press allegedly noted that after “[Mohammed Jamal] Khalifa's non-government organization, International Relations and Information Center, was shut down after his arrest in 1995, a number of employees were absorbed by” IWW.¹⁸⁴ A separate Filipino military intelligence document reportedly identified IWW as a “conduit of foreign funding” to the Abu Sayyaf terrorist faction.¹⁸⁵ In October 2002, Filipino security officials arrested Jordanian national Mohammad Amin al-Ghaffari, the director of Islamic Wisdom Worldwide, in the

¹⁷⁶ <http://www.alfaloja.net/vb/showthread.php?t=100239>. January 18, 2010.

¹⁷⁷ U.S. Department of State; office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism. Country Reports on Terrorism 2004. April 2005. See also:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list/summaries/individual/abd-al-majid-aziz-al-zindani.

¹⁷⁸ https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list/summaries/individual/abd-al-majid-aziz-al-zindani

¹⁷⁹ Affidavit in support of arrest warrant by FBI Special Agent Robert Fuller. United States v. Mohammed Ali Hasan al-Moayad. United States District Court; Eastern District of New York. January 5, 2003.

¹⁸⁰ CIA 149-150.

¹⁸¹ NL 15578, 15043-15046 at 15044.

¹⁸² NL 10471.

¹⁸³ NL 10471.

¹⁸⁴ <https://www.theintelligencer.com/news/article/Jordanian-Held-in-Philippines-Blast-10525144.php>

¹⁸⁵ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2001/09/26/134794/government-hot-sayyaf-money-trail>. September 26, 2001. See also: <https://gulfnews.com/uae/abu-sayyaf-leaders-admit-funding-by-bin-laden-1.425629>.

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Filipino city of San Juan. According to Filipino Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, al-Ghaffari arrived in the Philippines on a student visa on Nov. 15, 1985 and was blacklisted in 1995 at the request of the Philippine National Police (PNP).¹⁸⁶ Domingo also told journalists that al-Ghaffari's brother is a member of the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas and that al-Ghaffari is a "good friend" of Mohammad Jamal Khalifah.¹⁸⁷ Following al-Ghaffari's arrest on immigration charges, Filipino officials announced their suspicion that he had also served as a "key planner" of a karaoke bar bombing in Zamboanga City that killed a U.S. soldier and two local civilians.¹⁸⁸ According to a financial analysis provided to me by plaintiff's counsel, at least one other organization in the Philippines that was identified by the Filipino military as a suspected financial conduit to Abu Sayyaf, the Dar al-Hijra Foundation¹⁸⁹, which received a transfer of more than 35000 Saudi riyals in August 1998 from Sulaiman bin Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi.¹⁹⁰

The Taibah International Aid Association is yet another Islamic charitable organization that claims to have provided funding to various war zones in the Muslim world, including Bosnia-Herzegovina. According to a report from Interpol, Taibah International "transferred its money through the Al Rajhi Bank located in Saudi Arabia" and "is suspected of money laundering or of transactions of money originating from terrorist activities by the Bosnian authorities." The Interpol report added, "It is of interest to note that the Al Rajhi Bank was also mentioned in connection with the Saudi Joint Relief Committee / SJRC."¹⁹¹

In May 2004, the U.S. Treasury Department blacklisted Taibah International as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) entity under Executive Order 13224¹⁹² for having "significant ties" to another banned Al-Qaida charity, the Global Relief Foundation (GRF). On October 23, 2003 Special Agent Brett Gentrup of the Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) filed an affidavit in the case of Abdurahman Alamoudi, including the following section dealing with financial support to Al-Qaida:

"Taibah International Aid Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Falls Church, VA. Established in 1991, Taibah's IRS Form 1023, its application for recognition of tax exemption, lists Abdullah A. bin Laden, as a founding officer. According to an ICE ROI, dated July 14, 2003, detailing an interview of Soliman Biheiri, Abdullah bin Laden is Osama bin Laden's nephew. I have reviewed a signature card for TIAA which shows that Abdullah Bin Laden was a director of and had signature authority over the TIAA bank account... I know that TIAA is part of an international organization which, in addition to its office here, has other offices in Sarajevo, Bosnia; Tirana, Albania; and Moscow... In addition, I know the Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed an employee of Taibah's Bosnia office in Sarajevo, named Ali Hamid el Tayeb, on December 15, 2001. According to the report of this interview, the witness stated that he was the acting director of the Bosnian office and that the current Director of Taibah in the United

¹⁸⁶ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2002/10/09/179094/jordanian-arrested-zambo-bombing>

¹⁸⁷ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2002/10/09/179094/jordanian-arrested-zambo-bombing>

¹⁸⁸ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2002/10/09/179094/jordanian-arrested-zambo-bombing>. See also: <https://www.theintelligencer.com/news/article/Jordanian-Held-in-Philippines-Blast-10525144.php>

¹⁸⁹ NL 15578, 15043-15046 at 15044.

¹⁹⁰ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2001/09/26/134794/government-hot-sayyaf-money-trail>. September 26, 2001. See also: <https://gulfnews.com/uae/abu-sayyaf-leaders-admit-funding-by-bin-laden-1.425629>

¹⁹¹ Interpol Criminal Analysis Sub-Directorate. "Fusion Taskforce: Financing of Terrorism and Charities." Booklet 2: Islamic Relief Agency/ISRA, Muwafaq, Taibah, Third World Relief. July 2003.

¹⁹² <https://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js1527.htm>. May 2004.

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States will decide who becomes the next director of Taibah in Bosnia. The witness also stated that Mohammed El-Nagmy was a current employee of Taibah in Bosnia and at the same time was also the Bosnian representative for Global Relief Foundation ('GRF'). GRF was designated a SDGT pursuant to Executive Order 13224 on October 18, 2002... In addition, I know that the Bosnian Federation Police searched the offices of GRF on or about December 14, 2001. After the search another Taibah (Bosnia) employee was interviewed on February 21, 2002. According to the FBI Report of that interview, Mustafa Ait-Idir stated that Taibah represented GRF's interests after the Bosnian government told it to cease operations. He also stated that another Taibah employee, Mohammad Ibrahim, would assist with GRF's matters in Sarajevo. As result of that search, the FBI interviewed another employee of Taibah (Bosnia) named Tarik El-Mastry, on December 15, 2001, who confirmed that he worked for Taibah at the office location in Sarajevo. The report of this interview states that El-Mastry had become Taibah's accountant in 1998 and that Mohammed El-Nagmy, a co-worker at Taibah, also worked for GRF. As Taibah's accountant El-Mastry was asked about the financial transactions of Taibah, he stated that he only knew about small transactions and knew nothing about international transactions involving any other NGOS, or the movement of funds from the United States or the Middle East. According to the FBI Report of the interview of Mohammed El-Nagmy, on December 15, 2001, El Nagmy, who was in Sarajevo in 1998 working for Taibah, was directed by the head of Taibah there to serve as a volunteer representative for GRF."¹⁹³

A former member of the foreign mujahideen brigade in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ali Hamad, told international war crimes investigators that a particular faction of foreign militants active in the Balkans "were especially supported by the High Saudi Committee, the organization called Taiba, the third organisation was El Haramain... so even people who were working for those three organisations would come to join us when we were going to attack to join us and carry out the attack."¹⁹⁴

The Jeddah-based World Assembly for Muslim Youth (WAMY) is another example of the Islamic dawah/charitable entities that have helped funnel support to Al-Qaida over the past three decades. Founded in 1972, WAMY claims to be the world's largest Muslim youth organization.¹⁹⁵ WAMY sponsors various "humanitarian" causes, including religious youth camps around the world—including in Western Europe and North America.

Like IIRO, WAMY has also significantly relied upon Al-Rajhi Bank for financial services, including maintaining accounts for donors to send money. In the spring of 2002, WAMY's Assistant Secretary General Dr. Saleh al-Wohaibi announced plans for WAMY to accelerate its monthly contribution to "the Palestinian intifada" from 3 million Saudi riyals to 10 million Saudi riyals. Al-Wohaibi explained that "WAMY volunteers would fan out throughout the Kingdom as part of their funds collection drive." In order to accommodate this expected wave of donations to support the Palestinian armed uprising against Israel, the same article reported that "WAMY has also opened an account with the Al Rajhi Banking and

¹⁹³ "Supplemental Declaration in Support of Detention" from ICE Agent Brett Gentrup. United States v. Abdurahman Muhammad Alamoudi. Case No. 03-1009M; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2003). Pages 13-17.

¹⁹⁴ Interview with Ali Hamad. August 16, 2006.

¹⁹⁵ <http://www.wamyusa.org/about/about%20wamy.htm>, as of December 10, 2002.

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Investment Corporation. The executive [al-Wohaibi] appealed to well-wishers to pitch in with contributions to the Palestine committee in A/C No. 666331/279.¹⁹⁶ In October 2004, WAMY published an Arabic-language online newsletter via its official website carrying a message from Dr. Saleh Bin Ibrahim Babair, the Assistant-Secretary General for Executive Affairs at WAMY. Dr. Babair announced in his message that WAMY has “established places and means for collecting donations during the Ramadan season and throughout the year via its headquarters in the General Secretariat and its approved branches, and via its bank accounts in Al Rajhi Banking Company and the National Bank.”¹⁹⁷

Evidence indicates that Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi also provided funding to WAMY, through his charity office, and indicates that he was close to WAMY’s leadership. Plaintiffs’ counsel have provided me with translated checks from Sulaiman al-Rajhi to Maneh al-Johani, WAMY’s Secretary General, totaling 232,500 riyals.¹⁹⁸ In addition, Plaintiffs’ counsel has provided me with apparent translated copies of at least two bank wire transfers totaling more than 212,000 Saudi riyals from Sheikh Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi’s account at Al-Rajhi Bank to Dr. Saleh Omar Badahdah, a member of the WAMY Board of Trustees.¹⁹⁹

According to U.S. Department of Defense documents, in the assessment of the U.S. government, “WAMY is a Tier 1 Counterterrorism NGO target, defined as those that have demonstrated sustained and active support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.”²⁰⁰ The DOD has privately accused WAMY of being “affiliated” and “associated with Usama Bin Ladin and al Qaeda operations: “According to top WAMY officials, both the United States and Israel must be destroyed. WAMY provides financial support to the Palestinians fighting against Israel. In addition, WAMY has put forward a proposal that the Palestinians should declare open war on Israel.”²⁰¹ The Pentagon charged further, “WAMY supports terrorist ideals and causes.”²⁰² The Department of Defense has classified WAMY as among the “Associated forces” of Al-Qaida, “with which al-Qaida, the al-Qaida network, or the Taliban had or has an established working, supportive, or beneficiary relationship for the achievement of common goals... Through associations with these groups and organizations a detainee may have provided support to al-Qaida or the Taliban, or engaged in hostilities against U.S. or Coalition forces.”²⁰³

The following is an excerpt from an officially sanctioned song to be performed by participants at WAMY youth camps, as printed in an English-language WAMY training manual obtained in the United Kingdom:

¹⁹⁶ Arab News. “WAMY to raise monthly contributions to Palestinian intifada to SR 10 million.” April 12, 2002. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/219892>.

¹⁹⁷ https://wamy.org/Final1/wamy_project_9548/wamy/News/display1.asp. October 3, 2004.

¹⁹⁸ NL 10068, 10384. See also NL 10333 (check from Sulaiman al Rajhi payable to WAMY for 75,000 riyals); NL 15578, 15043-15046 at 15046 (338,500 riyal payment to World Assembly of Muslim Youth).

¹⁹⁹ NL 10139, 10186. See also: http://www.arabdecision.org/show_cv_3_11_8_1_3_577725506.htm

²⁰⁰ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Rashed Awad Khalaf Balkhair (ISN No. 186) (June 28, 2006); U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Adel Hassan Hamed (ISN No. 940) (March 25, 2005).

²⁰¹ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Mammar Ameer (ISN No. 939) (July 25, 2005); U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Adel Hassan Hamed (ISN No. 940) (June 28, 2005).

²⁰² Set_52_3643-3869, at p. 37.

²⁰³ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Matrix of Threat Indicators for Enemy Combatants.

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“Youth of [Islam] are the guided youth. Come! Come to a final decision: The Prophet has called out and so has the Qur’an. So blessed is the servant who responds when he is called... Bring back the glory to it’s lions, And restore the zeal to its soldiers. Flatten evil in its cradle, And unsheath the swords... Hail! Hail! O sacrificing soldiers! To us! To us! So we may defend the flag. On this Day of Jihad, are you miserly with your blood?!”²⁰⁴

In July 1996, WAMY held a youth camp in Okeechobee, Florida that included seminars overseen by senior WAMY officials in the United States. As part of the program, an operations manager for WAMY charitable activities named Suleman Ahmer presented a lecture to campers titled, “Jihad, The Misunderstood Word.” Ahmed professed to have “spent some months in Bosnia, and I’ve spent some time in Chechnya where we have active wars going on, and there are certain things I’ve come across they’re very educational and also very motivational, they’ll motivate you. You’ve been hearing negative things about jihad right, so you should hear something positive also.... If the Chechens come up and they fight, if the Bosnians come up and they fight you call them terrorists! This is unfair... without jihad the evil forces will overwhelm you and that’s why Allah has given you so much promises to you, to people who do jihad, to people who struggle.”²⁰⁵ Ahmer described the challenge during the Bosnian war of indoctrinating non-Arabic-speaking European Muslims in fundamentalist Islamic principles: “the Bosnians were well away from Islam.... They couldn’t even say the word ‘jihad.’ They used to call ‘mujahedin,’ ‘muhajedin.’ It took them many months to learn the right word.”²⁰⁶ According to Ahmer, after witnessing the dramatic entrance of mujahideen fighters into the Bosnian conflict, local Bosnian Muslims vowed, “‘if this is really, if this is what Islam teaches you, we are fools if we don’t practice Islam.’ See, jihad, how it establishes Islam?”²⁰⁷ In response to criticisms of the violent extremist indoctrination taking place at WAMY summer youth camps inside Saudi Arabia, WAMY Secretary General al-Wohaibi has insisted that it is “not possible to control” all of the content being disseminated during the presentations at the camps.²⁰⁸

As suggested by Suleman Ahmer, from the early days of the Bosnian war, WAMY was “deeply involved” in supporting Saudi jihadists seeking to take part in the conflict. A WAMY representative was quoted in the New York Times defending the role of the dawah group: “If a relief worker decides that he wants to join the fighting forces, we would not stop him. But he can no longer officially represent our organization.” Nonetheless, Saudi government officials quoted anonymously in the same article acknowledged that “men who volunteer for the relief work often end up as soldiers:” “Since August most

²⁰⁴ “Islamic Camps Objectives, Program Outlines, Preparatory Steps.” World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY); Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Prepared by the Camps & Conference Unit of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth 1987. Translated (with additions) by Abu-Bakr M. Asmal 1990. Obtained at the WAMY Western Europe Office; 46 Goodge Street; London, UK.

²⁰⁵ “Jihad, The Misunderstood Word.” Lecture given by Suleman Ahmer at the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) Okeechobee Summer Da`wah Camp. July 26, 1996. Videotape obtained from the Meccacentric Da`wah Group.

²⁰⁶ “Jihad, The Misunderstood Word.” Lecture given by Suleman Ahmer at the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) Okeechobee Summer Da`wah Camp. July 26, 1996. Videotape obtained from the Meccacentric Da`wah Group.

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²⁰⁸ FED-PEC 210330-210331.

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of the money raised for relief has been turned over to the Bosnians for weapons... And most contributors probably support this.”²⁰⁹

According to the New York Times, among the services provided by WAMY to jihadist fighters in the Balkans, it “flies back wounded Saudi fighters and provides free medical care in the Saudi German hospital. On the second floor of the modern medical complex in a Jidda suburb several rooms hold wounded Saudi fighters, but bearded companions in the hallway and officials at the Islamic Organization, while confirming that the wounded combatants were in the hospital, refused to let an American reporter speak with them.”²¹⁰

Open support for violent jihad extended across the WAMY corporate ladder. The Muslim World League publication Al-Alam Al-Islami published an article titled, “Wamy calls for Jihad to free Kashmir,” covering comments by WAMY Secretary General Dr. Maneh al-Johani before a conference of Kashmiri Muslims in the Saudi capital Riyadh. According to the account of Al-Alam Al-Islami:

“Dr. Johani said that according to the Islamic faith, Jihad could be performed in many forms. Muslims can go to the battlefield to wage a war against the enemies of Islam or they can give their moral, physical, and financial support [to] the cause of Jihad. The Muslims in the Kingdom... should have a sense of responsibility to help their brethren to secure their freedom through Jihad, he said.... Dr. Johani pointed out that there is an organised effort to crush the Muslims in many parts of the world. Some of these destructive elements could be seen while others cannot be seen, he said. ‘Jihad is the only way out for us to get emancipated from these cruel hands,’ he added.”²¹¹

Following a December 1995 meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia with WAMY Secretary General Dr. Maneh al-Johani, Kashmiri political activist Chaudhry Yaqub held a press conference in which he “lauded the efforts of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) and other charitable organizations in helping the mujahideen in their struggle for independence from India”—emphasizing “that WAMY in particular is supporting the cause of Kashmiris through its Kashmir Committee in its Riyadh headquarters.”²¹²

In January 2000, WAMY chief Dr. Maneh al-Johani published an editorial in the Al-Jazeera newspaper regarding the “Chechen Tragedy,” stressing “that these steadfast heroic Muslims, the mujahideen, deserve our support, prayers, and all our energies to support them so that they would defeat the enemies again. They showed great examples that will be recorded in the history’s brightest pages. They faced the enemy of Allah and their enemy with all courage and strength. They were not appalled at their magnitude and military equipment. They fought and inflicted great losses on the Russian ranks, forcing the Russians to withdraw. They will force them again to withdraw in the second round as well, Allah willing. They will defeat them again.”²¹³ According to al-Johani:

²⁰⁹ Hedges, Chris. “Muslims From Afar Joining ‘Holy War’ in Bosnia.” New York Times. December 5, 1992.

²¹⁰ Hedges, Chris. “Muslims From Afar Joining ‘Holy War’ in Bosnia.” New York Times. December 5, 1992.

²¹¹ Muslim World News, “WAMY Calls for Jihad to Free Kashmir,” (June 3, 1991), at p. 15.

²¹² Furqan, Ahmed. “Kashmiri leader thanks WAMY for help.” Riyadh Daily. December 8, 1995.

²¹³ Juhani, Dr. Manei. “The Chechen Tragedy – Johani.” Al-Jazeera newspaper. No. 9970; January 15, 2000. <http://www.suhuf.net.sa/2000jaz/jan/15/fe1.htm>. See also: FED-PEC 233836-233843.

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“The question that arises is: What do the Chechen Muslims need from us today? They need money to buy weapons and gear.... The young children should know their cause. We should motivate them to donate to them and console them as much as we can. The Islamic awakening is growing, praise be to Allah. Perhaps this is what worries the Communist East and the polytheistic West. They fear that they will wake up some day to find the Muslims ordering them to pay the tribute.”²¹⁴

That same month (January 2000), the Minister of Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Sheikh al Sheikh dispatched a letter to WAMY Secretary General Maneh al-Johani with a check for 20,000 Saudi Riyals attached “as a donation from me to the benefit of the Muslims of Chechnya. Please receive it and notify our private office accordingly. I ask Allah the almighty to support our mujahideen brothers and to support Islam and the Muslims.”²¹⁵ Upon receipt of the letter, al-Johani wrote back to confirm “your generous donation to the World Assembly of Muslim Youth for the benefit of the Muslims of Chechnya.”²¹⁶

As noted above, Plaintiffs’ counsel in the present matter have provided me with copies of at least two apparent checks or wire transfers to WAMY Secretary General Dr. Maneh al-Johani from accounts at Al-Rajhi Bank. The first, dated June 14, 1999, is from Sheikh Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi and is in the amount of 120,000 Saudi riyals with a notation referring to “Abu Ayman.” The second payment to al-Johani, dated May 27, 1999, is likewise from Sheikh Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi (accompanied by the name Abdulrahman Bin Abdullah Alrajhi) and is attached to a note reading, “Please find enclosed herewith the check mentioned above, which is a donation from Sheikh Suleiman bin Abdul Aziz al Rajhi as a one-year scholarship for ten students studying in Egypt, supervised by Brother Abdul Rahman al Aqil.”

Several Guantanamo Bay detainees have made references to their work for or association with WAMY. One of these men, Sudanese national Adel Hassan Hamad was allegedly “employed by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) in Afghanistan and Pakistan for approximately one and one half years until the time of his capture [on] 18 July 2002.”²¹⁷ Hamad admitted being employed by WAMY in Pakistan as the “manager of the Assembly hospital” and the person responsible for “distribut[ing] aid supplies to the refugee camps in Pakistan.”²¹⁸

Prior to his employment with WAMY, Hassan worked with Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) entity Lajnat al Da’awa al Islamiya (LDI) for several years in Peshawar, Pakistan.²¹⁹ Designated on January 9, 2003, the U.S. government asserted the following: “LDI is one of the most active Islamic NGOs to give logistical and financial support to mujahideen operating in the Pakistan-Afghanistan area.” “Several workers of LDI in Peshawar belonged to al Qaida, including Ramzi Yussef, who has been convicted for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, considered as one

²¹⁴ Juhani, Dr. Manei. “The Chechen Tragedy – Johani.” Al-Jazeera newspaper. No. 9970; January 15, 2000. <http://www.suhuf.net.sa/2000jaz/jan/15/fe1.htm>. See also: FED-PEC 233836-233843.

²¹⁵ WAMYS 1249305. See also FED-PEC 234243-234244 (WAMY Secretary General Dr. Maneh al-Johani discussing the collection of monetary donations and informing that a WAMY delegation made contact with the fighters.).

²¹⁶ WAMYS 1249304. See also FED-PEC 234930-234931 (WAMY Secretary General Dr. Maneh al-Johani explaining that “WAMY’s office in Chechnya along with other Islamic social organizations operating in that country were ordered to close down.”).

²¹⁷ Set_52_3643-3869, at p. 37. See also WAMYS 1088-1091, WAMYS 1084.

²¹⁸ Set_52_3643-3869, at pp. 38-39.

²¹⁹ FED-PEC 181049-181051.

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of the most important operational officers for al Qaida, was head of the Peshawar branch of LDI from 1988 to 1995.”²²⁰ Hassan met with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM) while working at the same refugee camp run by LDI. That camp, the Jelazee Refugee Camp, was overseen by KSM’s brother, Zahid Al-Sheikh.²²¹ At the time that Hassan was employed by LDI, it was categorized as a Tier 2 NGO. “Tier 2 NGOs have demonstrated the intent and willingness to support terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.”²²²

Hassan “was captured with Mammar Ameer,” who “was also affiliated with radical NGOs and had traveled extensively throughout the Middle East. He was assessed as an Al-Qaida facilitator due to his associations and employment with WAMY, who has ties to extremist organizations.”²²³ According to the DOD, other Guantanamo Bay prisoners like Hamad who were working under the auspices of WAMY were “likely using [their] employment in Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to facilitate funds and personnel for Al-Qaida and its global terrorist network.”²²⁴

There are numerous other connections linking WAMY to international terrorist organizations and terrorist financing. In fact, the U.S. branch of WAMY was incorporated in 1992 by Usama Bin Laden’s own nephew Abdullah in Falls Church, Virginia.²²⁵ During his tenure at WAMY, Abdullah Bin Laden, who was seconded to WAMY after being appointed to his position by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, was responsible for making key personnel decisions and “represented the organization at various sponsored events.”²²⁶ Minutes from the eighth meeting of WAMY’s General Secretariat in 1998 identify Abdullah Bin Laden as a WAMY “Board Member and the Assembly’s Representative in North America.”²²⁷ In other WAMY documents, the younger Bin Laden is identified as the “President” of WAMY’s U.S. branch and it appears he has signatory authority over the branch’s local bank accounts.²²⁸ According to Bin Laden’s successor in Falls Church, “WAMY USA did not undertake any fundraising activities; all funding came from WAMY Saudi Arabia.”²²⁹

WAMY’s operations in eastern Europe were deeply intertwined with those of the Vienna, Austria-based Third World Relief Agency (TWRA). As previously cited in this report, TWRA was a thinly-veiled charity cover for arms smuggling, money laundering, and terrorist financing. The 9/11 Commission Final Report concluded that Usama Bin Laden had used TWRA to “covertly provide financial and other support for terrorist activities.”²³⁰ The founder of TWRA—a Sudanese National Islamic Front (NIF) official named

²²⁰ https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/protecting-charities_execorder_13224-i.aspx#ldi.

²²¹ FED-PEC 141770-141786.

²²² FED-PEC 197472-197479. See also IIRO 278956-278957, IIRO 278983-278984, IIRO 278986, IIRO 278990-278991, IIRO 279010 (IIRO took over the operations of three hospitals in Afghanistan from LDI at a time when the U.S. government considered LDI “more dangerous” and a significant “threat.”).

²²³ FED-PEC 197472-197479.

²²⁴ U.S. Department of Defense, JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment, Detainee Mammar Ameer (ISN No. 939) (April 13, 2005).

²²⁵ United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1023 Application by WAMY for Recognition of Exemption, filed November 9, 1992.

²²⁶ Affidavit of Abdullah Awad Bin Laden (November 19, 2005).

²²⁷ WAMYSA 51692-51698.

²²⁸ WAMY INTL 13864, WAMY INTL 1366-1370.

²²⁹ Declaration of Ibrahim Sulayman Abdullah (March 29, 2019).

²³⁰ 9/11 Commission Final Report, at p. 58.

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El Fatih Hassanein—also simultaneously served as the “Director of the Office of WAMY office [sic] in Austria and Eastern Europe.”²³¹ Likewise, WAMY shared the same office space as TWRA in Vienna, Austria.²³² Other documents from 1993 produced during discovery in connection with the present litigation confirmed that WAMY’s headquarters in Jeddah exercised supervision and control over its various branch offices—including its “Eastern Europe Office” in Austria.²³³ WAMY also made significant financial donations or transfers to TWRA, with a German criminal investigation of TWRA identifying at least approximately US\$37,000 in transfers.²³⁴

The investigation of TWRA’s operations in Vienna also turned up at least 5 bank wires totaling almost \$210,000 in which either “Sulaiman Al-Rajhi” or “Saleh Alabdulaziz Alrajhi and Brothers” are specified as the sender. At least three other bank wire entries totaling \$331,224.77 “based on the sender or the posting text refer to the Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp., P.O. Box 28, Riyadh 11411, Saudi Arabia.”²³⁵

In November 2001, the Indian government shuttered WAMY’s offices in that country for allegedly financing banned terrorist groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LET) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM).²³⁶ A year later, in November 2002, international media reported that WAMY’s Peshawar office was raided in a joint FBI-Pakistani intelligence operation.²³⁷ A WAMY employee was subsequently questioned for allegedly hand delivering a recorded message from Usama Bin Laden to local media.²³⁸ In that tape, bin Laden praised various terrorist attacks—including the Bali nightclub bombing that killed over 200 people and the Chechen takeover of a theatre in Moscow that led to over 150 deaths.

In June 2004, federal agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) raided Abdullah Bin Laden’s WAMY office in Virginia, allegedly “in connection with a terrorism-related investigation.” Agents seized all of the files and computer hard drives in WAMY’s offices. Additionally, a WAMY board member was arrested on immigration charges.²³⁹

Since the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, WAMY has continued to fund numerous “charitable” projects—including in neighboring Iraq, where donations in 2004 alone totaled over \$200,000. In late 2002, an Internet website affiliated with the Ansar al-Islam terrorist organization in northern Iraq released a photo showing Ali Bapir—a detained Ansar al-Islam commander—at a public event sponsored by WAMY and featuring banners emblazoned with the WAMY logo.²⁴⁰ In February 2003,

²³¹ WAMY document indices (produced March 23, 2012).

²³² FED-PEC 289619, 218206.

²³³ WAMYSA 1665-1666.

²³⁴ PEC-KSA 3656-3718, WAMYSA 42103.

²³⁵ Austrian Federal Office of Criminal Investigation. “Expert report concerning the area of financial investigations relating to the judicial assistance request, ref. no. INV/10289/T09-PH (245), dated 8/27/2002 relating to the “Third World Relief Agency.” ST 45-2 - 185/02. August 28, 2003.

²³⁶ FED-PEC 234023-234024.

²³⁷ Pakistan Questions Sudan Man About Tape.” Associated Press. December 9, 2002.

²³⁸ “Pakistan Questions Sudan Man About Tape.” Associated Press. December 9, 2002.

²³⁹ Markon, Jerry. “U.S. Raids N.Va. Office Of Saudi-Based Charity.” Washington Post. June 2, 2004.

²⁴⁰ http://www.ayobi.com/photo/isl_17.jpg. August 2002.

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the U.S. Treasury Department announced the designation of Ansar al-Islam “as a terrorist group with links to Al-Qaida... and support from al-Qaida:”

“Al-Qaida and Usama bin Laden participated in the formation and funding of Ansar al-Islam, and Al has provided safe haven to al-Qaida in northeastern Iraq. Al’s predecessor, Jund al-Islam, was formed in September 2001. Al came into being with the blessing of bin Laden after its leaders visited al-Qaida in Afghanistan in 2000 and 2001. Bin Laden provided Al with an estimated \$300,000 to \$600,000 in seed money. Al has acknowledged that it contracted Islamic figures abroad before declaring jihad in northeastern Iraq. Ansar al-Islam has received training and logistical assistance from al-Qaida. Groups of Al’s Kurdish members have traveled to Afghanistan to train with al-Qaida, while Al’s foreign members are believed to be al-Qaida-trained veterans of conflicts in Afghanistan and Chechnya. Ansar al-Islam has a close association with senior al-Qaida operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a poisons and chemical weapons expert whose network has established a poison and explosives training camp in the area of northeastern Iraq that is controlled by Ansar al-Islam. Zarqawi’s lieutenants help run this camp, which teaches operatives how to produce ricin and other poisons.”²⁴¹

The Israeli government has also accused WAMY of funding Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad—and at least one subsidiary charity with WAMY officers at the helm has been blacklisted as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity for its ties to Hamas. In November 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department designated the “Union of Good,” a charitable front group that was allegedly created by Hamas in late 2000 “in order to facilitate the transfer of funds to Hamas. The Union of Good acts as a broker for Hamas by facilitating financial transfers between a web of charitable organizations.” According to the U.S. Treasury, “the primary purpose of this activity is to strengthen Hamas’ political and military position in the West Bank and Gaza, including by: (i) diverting charitable donations to support Hamas members and the families of terrorist operatives; and (ii) dispensing social welfare and other charitable services on behalf of Hamas.”²⁴²

In August 2002, WAMY Secretary General Saleh al-Wohaibi sent a letter to the Union of Good CEO expressing his gratitude for an invitation “to join the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Union of Good as a successor of our dear late Dr. Mane bin Hammad Al-Juhani... I have the pleasure to accept your kind invitation to join the membership.”²⁴³ Documents produced during discovery in connection to the present litigation show that WAMY Assistant Secretary General Abdulwahab Noorwali is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union of Good. In November 2002, the Union of Good CEO sent Noorwali a letter to thank him for WAMY’s role in the success of a Ramadan fundraising project.²⁴⁴

Interviewed in Saudi media in the years following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, WAMY Secretary General Saleh al-Wohaibi has defended Saudi religious charities as “the finest civil society organizations to adorn any modern society” and insists that any “mistakes” made by groups like WAMY solely “accrue to their managers” and not to the organizations themselves:

²⁴¹ <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/js48.aspx>.

²⁴² <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/hp1267.aspx>.

²⁴³ WAMYSA 1235606.

²⁴⁴ WAMYSA 1235604.

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“This charity work has a record that is not without flaws or gaps that are now held against it in light of the Western attack, including the accusation that it supports terrorist acts. There is no doubt that charity work has sometimes been undertaken by people who lack enough experience to handle and consider international matters. Support for the Afghan Jihad, which was once considered a bonus has now become a drawback!!”²⁴⁵

In Al-Hayat Newspaper, WAMY Secretary General Saleh al-Wohaibi has attempted to broad-brush characterize U.S. government punitive actions targeting terrorist financing as part of a “widespread Western attack on Islamic charitable institutions, branding them as terrorists and randomly accusing them based on false grounds.” According to al-Wohaibi:

“[T]here are political objectives that are more dangerous than those feelings that are being planned by Zionists and the neo-conservatives in the US. They want to destabilize the Muslim world and sow tension between it and other nations. Therefore, they attack Muslim countries and their charitable institutions, first and foremost of which is the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its charitable institutions whose benefit has encompassed all parts of the world.”²⁴⁶

Nonetheless, senior WAMY officers continue to defend and promote the concept of violent jihad, even after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In November 2001, WAMY Assistant Secretary General Abdulwahab Noorwali was quoted in the Saudi Gazette as questioning the definition of “terrorism:” “People should differentiate between ‘self-defense,’ which is the other correct word for ‘Jihad,’ and ‘terrorism.’ Palestinians defending their home and families against the Israeli occupier are not terrorists. There are some extreme attitudes toward Islam in the world that are presented by western media to give a wrong conception of Islamic Jihad.”²⁴⁷

Aside from the financial support provided by the Al-Rajhi family to Islamic extremists, there is evidence of other forms of support as well. Shaykh Abdullah al-Faisal is a Jamaican convert to Islam and graduate of Imam Bin Mohammed bin Saud in Saudi Arabia, where he lived for eight years. In the early 1990s, according to British court documents, “having been to university in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, he was sent to the United Kingdom to preach by Sheikh Rajhi.”²⁴⁸ In February 2003, Abdullah al-Faisal was convicted in a U.K. court on charges of “soliciting to murder,” defined as “encouraging, persuading, endeavoring to persuade or proposing to any person to murder any other person.” The charges stemmed from lectures given by the militant cleric in which he openly called upon his followers to kill Americans, Jews, Hindus, and other perceived “enemies of Islam.”²⁴⁹ As a result of his conviction, al-Faisal was removed from the United Kingdom and was returned to his native homeland of Jamaica. In January 2023, Faisal was convicted on additional criminal charges in the New York State Supreme Court of soliciting or

²⁴⁵ FED-PEC 234792-234795.

²⁴⁶ WAMYSA 6034-6039.

²⁴⁷ FED-PEC 235725-235730.

²⁴⁸ Judgement. Supreme Court of Judicature, Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). Citation [2004] EWCA Crim 456. Case No: 2003-01860-CZ. Royal Courts of Justice, London. March 4, 2004. Regina v. El-Faisal.

²⁴⁹ “Muslim cleric guilty of soliciting murder.” The Guardian (London). February 24, 2003.

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providing support for an act of terrorism—including recruiting U.S. nationals in the greater New York metropolitan area to join the terrorist organization ISIS.²⁵⁰

One of the more notorious recordings attributed to Shaykh Faisal is titled, “Jihad: Aims and Objectives.” The tape features Shaykh Faisal lecturing to his audience that “jihad is here to make people come into the fold of Islam in multitudes... because who wants to take sides with weak, who wants to be with the losers? But when you have dignity, the power, you the Muslims will rule the country. You will call the shots. People will do what you say. The power is in your hands. Then people will rush into Islam in multitudes. So you are giving dawa [missionary work] here in the UK, and people are coming, but they are coming in slowly but surely. If you should conquer, you will see thousands, millions will take shahada in one day. One million will take shahada in one day! This is, this is Islamic history. So we shouldn't be doing dawa. We should be doing jihad. Ideally, we should be doing jihad, we shouldn't be doing dawa.” Faisal then continued to explain that “another aim and objective of jihad is to drive terror in the hearts of the [infidels]... to terrorize them. Did you know that we were commanded in the Qur'an with terrorism? ...another aim and objective of jihad is to kill the [infidels]... Allah [said], it is not right for a Prophet to have captives until he makes the Earth warm with blood... So when we wage jihad, no captives, we don't take captives. We don't have money to feed them. It is a waste of money. And we can't be bothered to transport them, they are an extra burden. No captives, we just kill them and wash our hands from the problem.” On the same tape, Faisal suggested that oppressed Muslims join the jihad by committing bank robberies, specifically in Switzerland, and “so, if you are suffering from poverty, wage jihad and you will see the wealth coming in your hands.”²⁵¹

Another disciple of the Al-Rajhi family foundation was Saudi national Turki al-Assiri, who worked at an Al-Rajhi family orphanage and dawah charity while studying at Imam Bin Mohammed bin Saud University in Riyadh.²⁵² In 2001, al-Assiri suddenly traveled from his home in Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan in order to join Al-Qaida and the Taliban. One of the men who joined al-Assiri on his pilgrimage for jihad to Afghanistan was a Jordanian national known as “Abu Bakr al-Jazairi”—an alleged “fundraiser for widows and orphans of al Qaida members” and, later, the personal representative of Usama Bin Laden in the city of Jalalabad.²⁵³ Al-Assiri was captured by coalition forces in 2001 and was held as detainee No. 185 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.²⁵⁴ Less than 18 months after his release to the custody of Saudi authorities

²⁵⁰ <https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-all-count-trial-conviction-of-radical-cleric-shaikh-faisal-for-recruiting-supporters-and-facilitating-efforts-to-join-isis/>.

²⁵¹ Faisal, Shaykh Abdullah. “Jihad: Its Aims and Objectives.” Audiocassette obtained from Al-Quds Audiovisions. <http://www.islamicjihad.com>. July 2001.

²⁵² “Unclassified Summary of Evidence for Administrative Review Board in the Case of Turki Mashawi Zayid al Asiri.” Administrative Review Board (ARB) Round 1. U.S. Department of Defense; Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants at US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. September 9, 2005. Pages 212-215.. See also; “Unclassified Summary of Evidence for Administrative Review Board in the Case of Al-Amri, Turki Mishawi Zaid.” Administrative Review Board (ARB) Round 2. U.S. Department of Defense. May 9, 2006. Pages 267-271.

²⁵³ “Unclassified Summary of Evidence for Administrative Review Board in the Case of Turki Mashawi Zayid al Asiri.” Administrative Review Board (ARB) Round 1. U.S. Department of Defense; Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants at US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. September 9, 2005. Pages 212-215.

²⁵⁴ “Unclassified Summary of Evidence for Administrative Review Board in the Case of Turki Mashawi Zayid al Asiri.” Administrative Review Board (ARB) Round 1. U.S. Department of Defense; Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants at US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. September 9, 2005.

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in late 2007, the Saudi Interior Ministry published a roster of 85 “most wanted” at large individuals sought for their connection with Al-Qaida—including Turki al-Assiri.²⁵⁵ Before his death in 2014 during a raid by Yemeni security forces, al-Assiri ascended to the role of local commander for Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) personnel in Yemen’s Lahj Province.²⁵⁶

Consistent with the material presented above, there is a multitude of evidence that Sulaiman al-Rajhi, Al-Rajhi Bank, the Sulaiman Abdel Aziz al-Rajhi Charitable Foundation, and the broader Al-Rajhi family have provided charitable donations and substantial support to designated Al-Qaida financial front groups, as well as individual violent extremists. It is also clear that Al-Rajhi Bank provided key, high value financial services to the 9/11 hijackers, their associates, and the most important Al-Qaida charities, including entities like Al-Haramain, IIRO/MWL, Al-Taibah, WAMY, TWRA, and beyond. Given the long, close relationship between Sulaiman al-Rajhi and his family with the leaders of the charities, the Saudi conservative clergy, and others within the Saudi power hierarchy, it strains credulity that the Al-Rajhi family and Al-Rajhi Bank could have unintentionally provided so much support over a period of a decade or more to a long list of Al-Qaida sympathizers without having any clue as to their real goals—or that they would be utterly clueless as to their intent to provide support to international terrorism. Nor does it help their case that it appears the Al-Rajhi family has attempted on occasion to actively hide its financial donations to controversial causes from the public view.



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Pages 212-215. See also; “Unclassified Summary of Evidence for Administrative Review Board in the Case of Al-Amri, Turki Mishawi Zaid.” Administrative Review Board (ARB) Round 2. U.S. Department of Defense. May 9, 2006. Pages 267-271.

²⁵⁵ “Ministry News > News Archive > New Wanted List.” The Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. <http://www.moi.gov.sa>. February 2009.

²⁵⁶ <https://twitter.com/AKBAANSA/status/531817506126958592>.